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RED FORCES CUT RAIL-LINE

Move Threatens Govt Forces In E. China

EXAGGERATED GOVT CLAIMS

Nanking, December 12.

Communist forces have again cut the rail-line between Nanking and Pengpu in what may be the prelude to isolation of the last two government army groups still operating on the East China front North of the Yangtse.

Informed sources said the Reds struck across the rail-line near Chiashan, about 40 miles North of Nanking, destroying several sections of track and forcing suspension of all traffic carrying supplies and reinforcements to the 6th and 8th army groups operating out of Pengpu.

It appeared the Communists were units of the Chen Yi column which infiltrated Southward across the Huai River in the Hungtze lake area in considerable strength.

Some versions of the action as reported here said Reds in large numbers actually are fighting along the rail-line but more reliable sources said that the main Chen Yi force was still East of the railroad while only bands of a few hundred men actually participated in the demolition of tracks in order to halt movement of supply trains Northward.

The National Defence Ministry identified the Reds as units of the new second column which the communique said suffered casualties from Government air attacks (usually these casualty claims are greatly exaggerated.)

Some observers have viewed Red infiltration South of the Huai River as the first step toward isolation of the Pengpu area. Loss of troops now in Pengpu would leave only a thin force in the Nanking-Shanghai defence line.

Neutral observers said it appeared there is little hope that either Government columns attempting to reach the Nationalist line from Hsuchow, or Huan Wei's 12th army group, could be successfully extricated from Red traps by any force.

The Communique said the Government units aim at encircling the Reds whose forces appear to be retreating to the West and South of Yungcheng.

Government military sources have in the past few days made statements which appear to be deliberate misrepresentations of the actual situation, in each case claiming successes for National forces which are either completely lacking or greatly exaggerated.

One such statement made by a responsible military official was that the 12th and 6th army groups had already joined after the former had broken through communist encirclement.

Meanwhile, the Nationalist garrison has commenced withdrawing from Tongshan, mining centre, this morning, and it is presumed that all Government forces have left.

Little Progress

They pointed out that in 12 days the forces under Tu Yu-ming's well equipped army had been able to move less than 40 miles while Huang Wei's 12th army group made little or no organised attempt to break its encirclement to reach friendly areas only 25 miles away.

Despite these estimates of probable loss of these forces to the Reds the Government's Defence Ministry claimed that Tu Yu-ming's troops are now striking at the Reds along two lines with one force heading Eastward from positions North East of Yung Chung, and the other force attacking toward the South East.

Reds Enter Linsi

The Communists have entered Linsi, immediately North of Tongshan, where the power station is located.

All reports indicate that the change-over was bloodless and quiet.

About 20 Britons, including three wives, and a few hospital nurses, were among the Sino-British concern Kailan Mining Administration staff members at Tongshan.

Telegrams to Tongshan were not accepted today.

War clouds are rapidly thickening over North China as large Nationalist and Communist armies poise for action around Peiping.

Northern Threat

While Southern Chahar, bordering North Hopei and Eastern Hopei regions, may possibly become eventual battlefields, a more immediate threat is developing from the South along the Peiping-Hankow railway where the Government has admitted the abandonment of Taohsien, and is making Liangshsiang, about 18 miles from Peiping the main concentration point.

Along the Peiping-Suiyuan railway, fighting is reported to be raging in the Hsinpoann region and on the South bank of the Yangho, which is a river located to the South of Kalgan and offers a natural barrier for the Chahar capital's Southern suburbs.— Associated Press and Reuter.

No Economic Isolation

Washington December 12.

President Truman hopes to persuade America within the next few months to turn its back once and for all on economic isolation.

He will ask Congress to give permanent status to the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act which, due to expire at the end of March, empowers the American Government to negotiate mutual tariff lowering agreements with foreign countries.

When the Democratic Party won its surprise victory in this year's election, it was recognised that a grave danger to America's present policy of reducing trade barriers wherever possible had been avoided.

If successful, his plan will constitute probably the most dramatic and important rejection of the policy of economic isolation that the United States could make.— Reuter.

Delay In Formation Of Cabinet

Shanghai, December 12.

Dr. Sun Fo's official inauguration as Prime Minister, originally fixed for December 15, may have to be postponed because of disagreement among China's political leaders on the new Cabinet's policy towards the Communists, it was reliably learned today.

Dr. Sun Fo, who returned home this morning after a fortnight's confinement in hospital for a leg tumour operation, is expected to proceed to Nanking in a day or two to submit the issue to President Chiang Kai-shek for final adjudication.

The reported deadlock is said to be over the question whether the main task of the new Cabinet should be to seek a settlement with the Communists, or place the nation on a total war basis for intensification of the anti-Communist campaign.

One of the country's leading dailies, the Shun Pao, revealed today that Dr. Shao Li-tze, a former Ambassador to Russia, has withdrawn his consent to join Dr. Sun Fo's new Ministry.

The paper failed to give any reason for Dr. Shao's action in its vague report, but informed political circles attribute it to the adamant attitude of Mr. Chen Li-fu, Rightist Kuomintang leader and one of the most powerful figures in Chinese politics today, against any compromise with the Communists.

Hospital Interview

Dr. Shao's withdrawal came in the wake of an interview at the hospital yesterday between Dr. Sun Fo and General Chang Ohih-chung, former Chief of Generalissimo's Headquarters in the North West, and reputed head of the pro-peace group, at which the Premier, it is reported, detailed Mr. Chen Li-fu's attitude.

Both Dr. Shao and General Chang were among the Government representatives who took part in the abortive round-table conferences with the Communist delegates sponsored by Mr. George Marshall, then mediating in China's civil war two years ago.

Dr. Sun Fo spent his first day out of hospital today in a series of conferences. His callers included Mr. Paul Hoffman Director of Economic Co-operation Administration, whom he entertained to dinner.

Mr. Hoffman, who is making a three-day on the spot survey of China's needs, held talks with the United States Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart, and other American officials earlier in the day.— Reuter.

Accident On Castle Peak Road

Mr. Christopher C. Ace, driver and Miss V. Hendyside a passenger of private car No. 9070 (Hillman), both sustained injuries when the car in which they were travelling along Castle Peak Road yesterday afternoon got out of control, ran into a tree and finally landed in a paddy field.

When the police were informed of the accident, an ambulance was quickly despatched to the scene and both injured were rushed to Kowloon Hospital.

It was ascertained that Miss Hendyside suffered a fractured left leg while her companion had cuts, hands and facial abrasions, the former was detained and the latter discharged after treatment.

The car, it was reported, was severely damaged.

FORMER WARLORD COMING TO HK

Nanking, December 12.

General Lung Yun, former warlord and governor of Yunnan Province, left for Hong Kong today for a two-month vacation.

General Lung, who was removed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in 1945, has been living in Nanking since the end of the Japanese war.

The reason of General Lung's vacation was officially given as [illegible] United Press.

The Weather

Pressure is highest over Central and Western China and to the E of Japan. From a deep depression over Kamchatka a trough extends SW to a shallow depression in the vicinity of Tokyo. A tropical depression appears to be forming about 700 miles ESE of Manila.

Today's Forecast:—Light variable winds becoming moderate Northerly. Fair to fine with morning haze. Becoming cloudy later.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 76.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 63.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 9.7 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2475.3 mm.=97.45 ins. as against an average of 2133.3 mm.=83.59 ins.

Readings at	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
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Equals	30.04	29.93 inches
Rel. Humidity	83	72 %
Dew Point	65	65 deg. F.
Wind Direction	WSW	WSW
Wind Force	3	16 knots

Tides:—	Time	Ht.
High	0711	4.8
	1901	4.9
Low	0141	0.1
	1343	0.3

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Girl Terrorists Brought To Trial

Two Jewish girls, alleged members of the illegal Stern gang, enter court at Acre under escort by Israel Civil Police. Both under 17, they are facing an Israeli military court on charges of being members of the illegal organisation.—AP Photo.

Legal Angle To Kiangya Sinking

Shanghai, December 12.

The legal aspect of the sinking of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's steamer Kiangya, was examined by the District Procurate yesterday.

In a two-hour conversation with Mr. Yu Sung, a lawyer retained by the Ningpo Residents Guild, handling relief of the Kiangya's victims, the Procurator, Mr. Tsao Yuan, discussed the legal responsibility for the disaster.

The Procurate, it was learnt, is attaching great importance to the investigation of the Kiangya sinking on account of the great number of lives lost in the accident. Up to the present, the casualty figure is placed between 3,000 and 3,500.

Another 254 bodies were brought back here yesterday, bringing the number of corpses hitherto recovered to 680.—Reuter.

Soviet Bloc Filibuster Blocks Adjournment Of UN General Assembly

Paris, December 11.

A Soviet bloc filibuster on Korea today blocked the adjournment of the United Nations General Assembly and it adjourned until 3 p.m. tomorrow.

The weary Assembly President, Herbert Evatt of Australia, adjourned the meeting at 2 a.m. when it appeared that the Eastern states were determined to rehash the old Communist complaints about American activities in Southern Korea.

Dimitri Manuilski of the Ukraine had spoken for 55 minutes. China's T. F. Tsiang gave an eight minute answer. But then K. V. Kisselev of Byelo-Russia took over the Soviet spiel.

Dr. Evatt tried to adjourn the meeting early today. But Manuilski determinedly strode to the rostrum and announced that he wanted to discuss the Korean dispute in detail.

The Political Committee already had voted to recognise the American-supported government in Korea and to establish a permanent United Nations commission to Korea composed of the same members as the Temporary Commission.

Russia objected violently to the decision. Manuilski was as good as his word.

He went into the same old arguments about the United States using terroristic methods to swing the Southern Korean elections.

Goes To Sleep

Furthermore, he said, the United States had no right unilaterally to call the election in Korea. It was a matter for all the major powers, he said.

As Manuilski droned on, delegates wilted visibly. Dr. Evatt, who usually listens to every word of the debate, took his earphones off.

Peter Fraser of New Zealand fell fast asleep. Manuilski protested against this but Fraser did not stir.

Only 145 spectators remained in the public galleries as Kisselev began.

The 83-day session was nearing an end with the cold war as intense as ever and the Berlin dispute still unsolved. Thoughts of the threat of a new war dominated the final speeches and statements of the delegates as they prepared to disperse until the Assembly reconvenes in New York on April 1.

Vyshinsky Accuses

Andrei Vyshinsky of Russia, broadcasting over the United Nations radio, said that the West has abandoned itself to a war of psychosis. He said the United States is encircling the Soviet Union with military bases.

John Foster Dulles, acting head of the United States delegation, said the increasing unity among the United Nations majority was acting as a deterrent to war. He appealed for an end to speculation over another world conflict.

Dr. Evatt rebuked the big powers for keeping the world in a turmoil.

The Secretary General, Trygve Lie, asked the Big Four to end their cold war before the Assembly convenes.—United Press.

Tsingtao Worries Over U.S. Navy

Tsingtao, December 12.

With the hot breath of China's Red armies blowing down the backs of Tientsin and Nanking, the people of Tsingtao are growing increasingly worried about the U.S. Navy's determination to remain here.

Will the Navy stay or, rather than risk possible conflict with the Reds, move out? This is the question uppermost in the minds of both Chinese and foreigners here.

Tsingtao people, particularly the Chinese, persist in asking the question anxiously despite the latest declaration of Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger in Shanghai that the United States Navy is not preparing to evacuate Tsingtao, a declaration played up heavily by local papers.

Local observers believe panic would ensue were the U.S. Navy to decide to leave. Chinese here, practically without exception, are convinced that the moment the navy moves out, the Chinese Communists would move in.

So much depends upon the Navy that even the Chinese military authorities, who would not like to come out openly to declare that the defence of the city depends on the foreigners, do not hesitate privately to express their reliance upon the American Navy and some 3,000 marines.

Bad For Morale

The English-language paper, "The People's Herald" was cautioned by the military authorities for publishing a Washington press despatch to the effect that U.S. Navy authorities are considering the eventual evacuation of Americans from Tsingtao. The report seriously disturbed the public morale, the Chinese said.

Aside from its value as military protector, the U.S. navy carries on daily humanitarian services to the city of which it is a guest.

Only recently several tons of ECA rice and flour arrived in the port by the U.S.S. Warwick. Vice-Admiral Badger has announced that the navy would continue to send naval vessels to transport much needed supplies to the city.

Nobody knows, including top rank naval officers, whether the navy will eventually leave Tsingtao. It all depends on developments, naval authorities say, and the decision of the U.S. State Department.Associated Press.

POLICE KILL 25 TERRORISTS

Singapore, December 12.

Police and soldiers today killed 25 of 26 Chinese terrorists encountered somewhere in North Selangor. This dramatic report was flashed from the jungle to tactical headquarters directing the operation, which is still going on. Police gave no further details and said they wanted to conceal the location of the operation until it was completed.—Reuter.

Nicaraguan Army Starts Invasion Of Costa Rica

San Jose, Costa Rica, December 11.

A hostile force from Nicaragua invaded Costa Rica, last night, an official bulletin announced here today.

A strong force under Colonel Juan Jose Tavio, former Costa Rican police chief, seized the Costa Rican border town of La Cruz, overwhelming resistance by customs guards.

Colonel Tavio's intention, according to reports from Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, yesterday, was to establish a Provisional Government in favour of the exiled President, Senor Colderon Guardia, who fled after a right wing revolt last April.

The revolt was led by Otilio Plate, President-elect, whose party was voted in office in elections last Wednesday.

The Government Junta was in emergency session here today, while groups thronged the streets cheering wildly.

No Army

Reports reaching Guatemala from San Jose said the Costa Rican Military Junta today suspended constitutional guarantees and ordered immediate mobilisation.

Costa Rica, with a population of about 740,000 and an area of 45,000 square kilometres, decided a week ago to disband its Army, leaving the National Police, numbering about 1,000 to defend the country.

Mobilisation of all civilians was ordered on Saturday night to beat off the invasion. All military posts throughout Costa Rica were reported reinforced.

In Managua, Nicaragua, General Astasins, head of the National Guard, denied there had been any invasion of Costa Rica from his country.

The town of La Cruz, on the Nicaraguan border near Salinas Bay on the Pacific was seized on Saturday night by the invaders.

All the country was reported yesterday under control of the Government. The size of the invading forces has not been determined.

Towns Taken

Despatches from Central America said the rebels had taken towns of Guancaste and Liberia. Liberia is near the West Coast and about 40 miles from the Nicaraguan frontier and 100 miles North West of San Jose.

Costa Rican broadcasts picked up in Guatemala quoted figures as saying this is not a Costa Rican revolution.

This is war between Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

In Washington Costa Rican Ambassador Mario Esquival said troops already have penetrated far inland, using tanks and jeeps. He said, he is asking other American republics for armed help, under the provisions of the new Rio de Janeiro treaty.

A meeting of the organisation of American states which was set up by the Rio pact has been called for today to take up an appeal.

The invaders had a brief clash with the Customs guards in Las Cruz and later succeeded in taking the town.

A curfew has been ordered throughout Costa Rica.— Reuter and Associated Press.

Canton-HK Non-Stop Trip

Canton, December 12.

A spokesman of the Canton-Kowloon Railway is quoted by the Chinese press here as having revealed that January 1, 1949, will see the inauguration of a daily non-stop direct train service between this city and the British Colony.

Such a service would shorten the time of the present journey considerably. It is said that this non-stop service was planned after consultations with the railway authorities in Hong Kong.

It was earlier reported that the projected direct Nanking-Canton rail trial run, due to have taken place in the middle of this month, had been abandoned.

At the same time, there is news that the highway linking Canton to Kwongchowan has been completed and that it will be tested before the end of December.—Reuter.

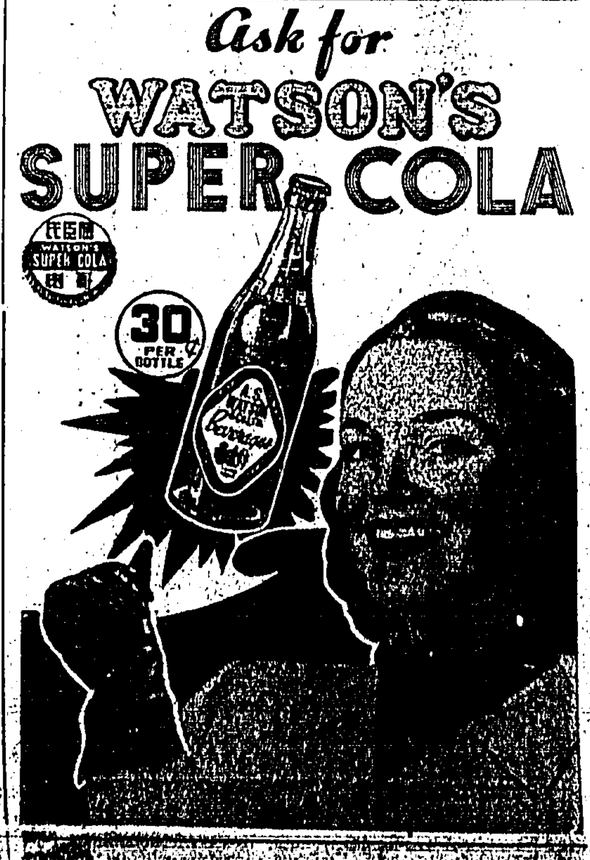
Hungary Seals Its Frontiers

Vienna, December 11.

The Hungarian police and troops have built watch-towers, equipped with machine-guns and searchlights, along the Austrian frontier to prevent the flight of political personalities threatened by a new Hungarian purge.

An army of workers have cleared trees and shrubs from the border line, making a security zone 300 metres deep.

The Hungarian police and military detachments on the frontier are being strengthened.—Reuter.



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Technical Expert Needed By Local Manufacturers

The Hong Kong Government has been approached on the question of securing the services of a technical expert to help local manufacturers improve local products.

Mr. U Tat-chee, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, said this last night in a broadcast over Radio Hong Kong.

Popularly known as the "Ginger King", Mr. U Tat Chee said that he hopes for some results shortly. He added that when members of his Union visited the last British Industries Fair they inspected manufacturing centres in the United Kingdom to study production methods.

A technical expert, he said, is badly needed in the Colony. With the services of such an expert, he added, the quality of local products can be considerably improved in a short period.

Mr. U Tat Chee, Managing Director of the Hong Kong Preserved Ginger Distributors Limited, also spoke on the Chinese Products Exhibition, sponsored by his Union, to be opened by the Governor on Saturday.

First Since 1940

He said that it will be the first of its kind on a large scale since 1940. The 220 stalls have already been taken up by 170 local factories.

Mr. U Tat Chee said that the numerous exhibits to be displayed will cause amazement as there are many people in the Colony who have little knowledge of the goods being produced here. He added, "The expression, 'everything from a needle to an anchor' does not fully cover the range of goods manufactured in Hong Kong."

The "Ginger King" said that manufacturers are particularly anxious for exporters and merchants to visit the Exhibition and help in increasing exports of Hong Kong's products. Any comment and criticisms will be welcome, he added.

At present, said Mr. U Tat Chee, the bigger markets for local products are Malaya, the Philippines, Indo-China, Indonesia, Siam and South Africa. Products are also exported to India, Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

High Quality

He said that the quality of Hong Kong's rubber footwear, electric torches, vacuum flasks, needles and aluminium ware, compare favourably with similar products manufactured abroad.

Mr. U Tat Chee said that although prices of local goods are high in view of the high cost of living, Hong Kong continues to receive orders because the Colony is able to make deliveries on time. Prices, he added, can only be lowered when cost of food and rents are reduced with the help of Government.

Sales of local goods in the world's markets naturally will increase considerably, said the "Ginger King", when production costs are reduced.

Mr. U Tat Chee said that the question of high food prices depends on Government. It cannot solved by individuals.

He suggested that to solve the high rent problem, more workers' quarters should be built by factory managements for letting out to employees at reasonable rentals.

To be opened by the Governor at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the Exhibition will remain open daily between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. until January 2 (inclusive).

Centenary Of Convent Celebrated

The founding of the French Convent a century ago was celebrated at the French Convent yesterday with a High Mass in the Convent Church in the morning and a Solemn Benediction in the afternoon.

The High Mass was officiated by Rev. Father Vercondolet and was sung by the Regional Seminary, while the Benediction was by Bishop Valtorta.

Among those present were: Cardinal Thomas Tien, Rev. Mother Theophane (General Delegate from Paris), Rev. Mothers Provincial from Saigon and Rev. Mother Provincial from Korea.

After the Benediction a reception was held in the school premises which was followed by entertainment in the School Hall.

Before the entertainment commenced, the history of the foundation of the Convent was recounted, and as it was related, scenes depicting the various events were brought to life by persons masquerading in costumes of the days referred to.

One most important factor was that since the inauguration of the convent, more than 150,000 baptisms were administered.

TWO TAXICABS IN COLLISION

Two taxicabs collided in Connaught Road Central a tabout 10 a.m. yesterday.

A Yellow Taxi Company cab was badly damaged when it crashed into a Central Taxi Company vehicle. There were no injuries.

Another Yellow Taxi cab was damaged at about 12.25 p.m. when a door which had swung open came into violent contact with a pillar near the Star Ferry.

MR. CHURCHILL ON SPAIN

London, December 11.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a statement today, said that in yesterday's foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons he had not advocated Spain's admission to Western Union but to the United Nations.

"Russia and her satellites are all members of the United Nations and our differences with them are at least as great as with the present Spanish regime," the statement added.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong's Chinese Products Exhibition

An impressive front for Hong Kong's Chinese Products Exhibition, to be opened on Saturday opposite the Peninsula Hotel, is now under construction. The above photo shows what it will look like when completed.

Promising Art Exhibit In January

Art lovers will look forward to the exhibition of his works promised for early January next by Mr. George Chann at a private preview at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday.

This 34-year-old pupil of Mr. Alexander Brooks of the Otis Art Institute, who later became a tutor in the same Institute and a guest instructor in the Maxwell Galleries in 1944, has had his paintings hung in all the principal art galleries in Los Angeles, including the Christmas exhibition of paintings by international artists held at the James Vigeveno Galleries in 1944.

Several of the artist's pictures have won gratifying praise from critics in the United States, while several, including "Rice Bowl", exhibited during the drive for funds for Chinese refugees in November 1941, "Lily Lee", and "Knuckles Down", have been purchased by art museums.

Essentially a colourist, Mr. Chann's paintings of still life glow with an unusual richness of colour with a distinction in tone, harmony and design. His child studies, done with an intense devotion to natural expression, are compared by critics to those of Robert Henri.

All paintings shown yesterday, including "Crossroads" (a study of hopelessness and despair depicted by a mother and two young children), "Destitute" (a beggar woman too old to work), and a child study entitled "Fok Wai Hoi", showed the artist's genuine devotion to self-expression.

KENNETH ROYALL ON LONG TOUR

Paris, December 12.

The United States Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall, will arrive here on Monday for talks with high French military and political leaders as part of a European trip which will take him as far as Turkey.

An American official spokesman told Reuter the purpose of Mr. Royall's visit was to get a first-hand view of the European military and political situation.

Mr. Royall will be accompanied by the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Mr. Tracy Voorhees, and members of the Army General Staff. He will also visit Athens, Ankara, Naples, Trieste, Frankfurt, Berlin, Vienna and London. —Reuter.

Malaya's New War Against Typhoid

Kuala Lumpur, December 12.

Malaya has a new war on her hands—a mercy war against typhoid.

The ammunition is the still-scarce "wonder" drug, chloromycetin.

The soldiers are a team of U. S. Army medical men—and one woman. They are continuing research carried out here earlier this year by another U. S. Army group.

The first investigations concentrated on the use of chloromycetin for treating scrub typhus. They were dramatically successful, proving the drug the most effective weapon so far against that dread malady.

The earlier research also indicated that chloromycetin might be similarly effective against typhoid. A shortage of the drug—still produced only in small quantities—forced a halt. Most of the first U. S. Army team returned to Washington for evaluation of their research and additional supplies.

Now four men and a woman, with all the available stock of the drug, have arrived in this capital of Malaya to continue the work.

Their investigations will have two phases: How effective is chloromycetin in treating typhoid? How effective is it in preventing scrub typhus?

Volunteers Wanted

Dr. Joseph E. Smadel, who headed the earlier study group, will fly from Washington to Malaya in January to take charge again. Until Smadel arrives, the group is headed by Major Robert Traub, head of the department of virus and rickettsial diseases of the U. S. Army Medical School in Washington.

The American doctors will work in co-operation with Malaya's Institute for Medical Research, as they did in earlier experimentation.

For the next two months the doctors will administer the drug to typhoid sufferers and those exposed to scrub typhus, observing the results. They have sent out a call for 45 volunteers, between the ages of 20 and 40.—Associated Press.

COMMUNAL RIOT

Bombay, December 11.

Reports reaching here said that the first major communal riots in months broke out today between Moslems and Punjab refugees in the market town of Hapur, 35 miles East of New Delhi, where the police gained control after a bitter battle in which spears were employed.

The casualties and the reason of the flareup was not known here—United Press.

Reminders

Today

Centenary of French Convent, Entertainment in Convent Hall, 5.30 p.m.

H. K. Referees Association, fortnightly meeting, KHFA office, Prince's Bldg., 8.30 p.m.

H. K. Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

H.K. Social Welfare Council, annual general meeting, PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.

Eastern Asia Navigation Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Kowloon Junior School, prize giving, at King George V School, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "The Police Service" by Police Commissioner, D. W. Macintosh, at Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Toc H Club meeting at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Yee Bon, Lee Bying and Luis Chan, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

St. Thomas More Association Choral & Orchestral Concert in aid of Home for Aged, China Fleet Club.

LOVELIES WANT MORE MONEY

London, December 12.

British chorus girls want more money. Through the Actors Trade Union, the stage lovelies are demanding a minimum weekly wage of £8. Present minimum is £5.—Associated Press.

Church Club To Stage The Nativity

From light musical revue to a Nativity play is a step which few amateur theatrical groups dare to take but, encouraged by their recent success, is one which the younger members of the Rotary Church Club are taking this week-end.

Encouraged by the tremendous success of the "Magic Lamp," which drew full houses at the Club de Recreio and the Kowloon Cricket Club during the summer, these youthful amateurs are presenting the Nativity play, "Wonder Night," at the Tak Shing School, Un Chau Street, on December 18, 19 and 20.

Leaving nothing to chance, the players have been putting in a lot of hard work rehearsing during the past few weeks. The producer has selected a very strong cast which includes Lilia Xavier, Bobbay Barns, Joe d'Almeida and Tony Alves.

For the uninitiated, it might be mentioned that the Tak Shing School is just behind the Precious Blood Convent, and can be reached by the No. 6 route bus.

St. Vincent De Paul Bazaar

The 72nd Annual Bazaar of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held at St. Mary's School yesterday.

A welcoming committee (Mr. C. M. Alves, President of the Society), Dr. Olinto de Souza and Father de Angelis, greeted the chairman of the Urban Council, Dr. F. P. Fehily, and Mrs. Fehily.

Mrs. Fehily, after declaring the Bazaar open, was presented with a bouquet by Madeline Remedios.

Eighteen stalls provided many attractions for the large crowd. The stalls were provided by the C.Y.M.A. Rosary Church, St. Theresa's Church, Rosary Church Children of Mary, Precious Blood Church, Sacred Heart School, St. Joseph's College, Wah Yan College, Rose Day Stall (Guide and Scout Stall, Chinese Catholic Club, St. Thomas More Association and the Little Flower Club.

The Lucky Dip, quoits, dart throwing and shooting gallery were well patronised.

Music was provided by Andy Hidalgo and his Orchestra.

MR. BLAIR-KERR BACK AT POST

Mr. William Alexander Blair-Kerr, who has been on two weeks' local leave, will return to the Second Court at Kowloon today as temporary magistrate.

During the next few weeks Mr. Blair-Kerr will hold the magisterial post concurrently with that of Assistant Crown Solicitor, as he did when Mr. W. H. Latimer went on leave some months ago.

Prior to his appointment as Assistant Crown Solicitor on July 8 last, Mr. Blair-Kerr was second magistrate in Kowloon.

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More Than 160 Tons Of Food Parcels Sent To UK From Colony

Since November last year 161 tons of food parcels have been sent to the United Kingdom by Hong Kong's Food Parcels to Britain Fund.

The parcels were sent in nine consignments, totalling 361,404 pounds, to the Women's Voluntary Services, British Red Cross, and Salvation Army for distribution to deserving individuals, hospitals, orphanages and other charitable institutions.

The final consignment of food parcels that will be sent by the Ladies Committee of the Fund will leave for the United Kingdom on January 2 by a British warship.

The last three consignments were sent to the Commonwealth Gift Centre of the Ministry of Food. Seventy per cent of the parcels in the three lots were distributed to organisations nominated by the Ladies Committee and 30 per cent went to hospitals and organisations nominated by the Centre.

At the annual general meeting of the Ladies Committee of Hong Kong Food Parcels to Britain Fund, it was decided to dissolve the Committee as from January 1 next year. Members of the existing Committee will be willing to help if required in any other organisation that takes up the work.

More than 2,500 letters of appreciation and gratitude have been received, and letters are still arriving with every mail expressing gratitude not only for food which the recipients have not tasted since the war but also for the spirit behind this gift food.

No Parcels Lost

None of the food was lost in transit—receipts for the total amounts have been received by the Committee from the respective organisations, institutions and hospitals. As regards food parcels to individuals, 2,000 post cards were inserted in the parcels with return address. Almost all the cards have been returned.

A full report showing the list of donors and the Hon. Treasurers' Accounts, Peat Marwick & Mitchell & Co.) statement of accounts will be printed in due course and distributed amongst contributors.

Shown are Mr. P. W. Parker (centre), Chairman of the Board of Directors of Standard-Vacuum, and Mrs. Parker, as they arrived in the Colony on Saturday. Mr. Parker is on a world tour of Standard-Vacuum installations. They are leaving for Manila this week. On the left is Mr. W. C. Watson, local manager of Standard-Vacuum.—"China Mail" Photo.

Sensational Change In Tory Policy

London, December 12.

Mr. Richard Crossman, Labour Member of Parliament, in the Sunday Pictorial, describes as a sensational change of policy the announcement by Mr. Anthony Eden, Opposition deputy leader, in Parliament last Thursday that the Conservative Party favour Britain's de facto recognition of Israel.

Mr. Crossman writes: "Mr. Eden was the great exponent of the theory that Moslems are a martial race and that a Moslem bloc in India and the Middle East is the best bulwark against Communism.

"Mr. Bevin took over these ideas from Mr. Eden and made the Arab League the basis of his Middle East policy. But events have blown the theory of the martial race sky high. The Arab League has been routed by the Jews both on the field of battle and in the United Nations, where Mr. Bevin is completely isolated on the Palestine issue.

"Now his sole remaining ally—the Conservative Party—has deserted him."—Reuter.

Teen-Aged Girl Gets Five Years

Prague, December 11.

Twenty-seven people were sentenced to terms of imprisonment in Prague today for harbouring or failing to expose terrorists sent into the country by "the treacherous exiles now in Germany."

The exile group was identified by the Prague State Court as a Czech Committee in Regensburg, Bavaria, allegedly acting with the co-operation of the United States counter-intelligence service.

Among the sentenced are a teen-aged girl who was given five years detention and a mother, given 15 years imprisonment.

The girl was said to have been in love with Miroslav Chich, a 23-year-old student and an alleged American espionage agent, who was sentenced to death on November 25 for the murder of a Communist and partisan leader, Major Augustin Srain.

The girl, only 16 as the time, was convicted of receiving leaflets from Chic and failing to inform the police.

The mother, whose name is Vokal, and whose son and two daughters were among the accused, was convicted of harbouring Chic.

The executions of Chic and his alleged accomplice, Slavaj Sadek, were postponed so that they could testify at the trial which has just ended.

Five of the accused received life sentences. Eighteen others got terms ranging from two to 15 years, and two were given sentences of eight months.

The court also confiscated one-quarter of the property of four of those sentenced to life, and one half of the property of the fifth.

The 22 others lost part of their property, and their civic rights for periods of from five to ten years.

Last Tuesday an official source estimated that 123 people were being held on charges arising out of the anti-state activity alleged to have been promoted by the Regensburg Committee.—Reuter.

PI WELCOMES FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

Manila, December 12.

President Elpidio Quirino said today Philippine nationalism should not disturb foreign businessmen who consider investing in the Islands.

He addressed the Manila chapter of the International Foreign Trade Fraternity celebrating its 25th anniversary.

President Quirino stated:

"This country is not going to be an isolated and exclusivist country but will continue to welcome foreign businessmen and capitalists to invest here."

The President said many Filipinos show an apparently nationalistic attitude, and patriotic fervor. But he added this is natural, considering the Philippines has been under one century of domination under foreign powers.

He pledged the Philippines will continue to be developed on a policy of international co-operation.

Apparently a talk earlier this week by Dr. Frank A. Waring, Chairman of the United States Philippine War Damage Commission prompted the President's remarks. Dr. Waring said American capital is not investing here because it fears the Republic's drive for economic protectionism.—Associated Press.

Australia Can Hold 100 Million People, Aussie Writer Says

Melbourne, December 12.

"Authorities say that the maximum population Australia can support living at the present standards of East Asia is well over 100,000,000."

Peter Knox says this in an article in the Melbourne Argus underlining Australia's basic fear of her overpopulated Asiatic neighbours.

Called "Our Population Problems are Frightening," the article points out that even should population climb from its present 7,000,000 to 10,000,000 by 1970, "we will be hard pressed to justify a monopoly of this continent to the land-starved people of the Near North and Far East."

There is only one justification, he says, and that is to prove that the resources of this country are being fully exploited and that Australia is discharging its moral and political obligations to a hungry world.

"If Australia is to preserve its accepted standards in future generations it must be able to prove conclusively that the world is best served by maintaining a maximum efficiency, which could not be improved by the influx of vast numbers of Asiatics."

Big Responsibility

He says that in 1970 Australia's restless, hungry over populated West Pacific neighbours will have doubled their populations over 1940 levels of 140,000,000 to 280,000,000. He futher estimates that India will press against her borders with a probable extra 200,000,000, and China, 100,000,000.

Australia can try to fulfill her almost frightening global responsibility as one of the great storehouses of the world by swelling her numbers through immigration, but the practical intake, according to experts, is not more than two per cent of existing population annually.

This would mean 10,000,000 people by 1970. "But that figure is far from our maximum population. It is only half the figure—20,000,000—that has been agreed upon by geographers, economists and departmental experts as the workable approachable maximum. Its represents only the population that can be sustained at the highest accepted standards of living.

Millions Needed

"Achieving the maximum population—and I must assume this means European—must be a prime consideration.

"But migration is entering upon a restrictive phase. By next year it seems quite probable that the number of British migrants coming to this country will be limited by lack of volunteers. The housing shortage is a deterrent, especially to the best type, young family units.

"The most desirable way to boost the Australian population to its maximum would be wholesale transportation of large sections of the British community to Australia—these people are our kinsfolk, speak the same language and are easy to assimilate—but unless there is a complete change of heart in official policy, this seems remote.

"Australia needs millions of people and it needs them now, if White Australia is to mean anything in the very near future."—United Press.

Ten Thousand Armed Reds In Philippines

Manila, December 12.

Secretary of National Defence, Ruperto Kangleon, estimates there are 16,000 active Communists in the Philippines of whom 10,000 are armed.

But the Secretary told the Manila Rotarians the capacity of Filipino Reds to fight is "negligible from the military point of view."

Kangleon warned that the Chinese Communists were supporting the Filipino Communists. He said that if the Nationalist Government of China fell to the Chinese Reds it would constitute a continuous threat to the security of the Philippines.

Kangleon said Philippine defence against Communism for the present consists of eradicating the threat from within and preventing infiltration from without.

The Constabulary campaign against Communist-led armed peasants is expected to end by Christmas. Unofficially it is estimated that 600 persons have been killed since fighting erupted last August.—Associated Press.

MP's Threatened By Bandit

Rome, December 11.

Threatening letters have been sent to 30 senators and deputies in Sicily by a Sicilian bandit, Salvatore Giuliano, aged 27.

The letters threaten that unless Giuliano's mother and other relatives are released from what is said to be forced residence some distance from their home, he will be revenged on the wives and families of the senators and deputies.

Giuliano has for nearly five years terrorised the Palermo province where he has a hill fortress. The Italian Government has offered rewards for information leading to his arrest.

Giuliano became internationally known when he wrote to President Truman asking him to annexe Sicily as the 49th state of the United States.—Reuter.

BBC To Build Station At Singapore

London, December 12.

A permanent broadcasting station at Singapore is to be built by the British Broadcasting Corporation within two and a half years.

A White Paper issued here on Friday discloses the proposal in outlining terms of an agreement signed with the Post Office for the BBC to conduct broadcasting services in Singapore and the Malay States.

An existing agreement for the BBC to take over from the British Foreign Office the use of the low power Eastern Broadcasing Service at Singapore is extended until the new station is built.

The low power station will be operated by the BBC until August 1, next year.

The annual revenue expenditure on the operation of the low-powered station is estimated at £72,500.

All the expenditure for the scheme will be met from the grant for the BBC's overseas services.—Associated Press.

Cyprus Reds' Allegations

Kyrenia, December 11.

The Communist Party of Cyprus is issuing a White Paper tomorrow alleging that the British Labour Party is leading the island to commercial disaster.

The White Paper claims there is an £11,000,000 balance of imports over exports this year, while "wasteful and inefficient local governments are cutting down the people's purchasing power."

A letter, signed by six mayors to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, demands that Cypriots be allowed a hand in their own affairs.—Reuter.

METHODISTS TO GO AHEAD

Buck Hill Falls, December 12.

Regardless of the dangers in China the Methodist Church is forging new missionary plans for that country, a four day meeting of the Church's board disclosed.—Associated Press.

ARGENTINE ELECTIONS

Buenos Aires, December 12.

First results of Sunday's elections for the Argentine Constituent Assembly give supporters of President Juan Peron 10 seats and the Radical Opposition three out of a total of 158.

Eighty per cent of the electorate of Argentina went to the polls to choose the men who will revise the country's 95-year-old Constitution. Only the Peron Party fought in all the provinces, the Conservatives, Socialists and Progressive Democrats boycotted the elections and declared that the convoking bill has not obtained the requisite two-thirds majority in Congress.

The final results may not be known for some weeks.—Reuter.

FISHING GEAR FOR KWANGTUNG

Canton, December 12.

China Merchants steamers due in Canton from Shanghai before the end of this month are expected to have in their holds fishery equipment and other allied goods for the use of Kwangtung Province.

These equipment and materials were allocated to Kwangtung Province some time ago but have remained in Shanghai because of transportation reasons. It is now learned that shipment of these materials southwards has been made possible by a financial grant approved by Governor T. V. Soong.

Fishermen throughout the province will benefit from this shipment of equipment they need.—Reuter.

Chances Of Peace Have Improved

Washington, December 12.

The U.S. delegate, Warren R. Austin said today that the Paris session of the United Nations had improved prospects for world peace.

The session accomplished, he said, through the unity demonstrated by a majority of liberty loving nations, what has never been accomplished before.

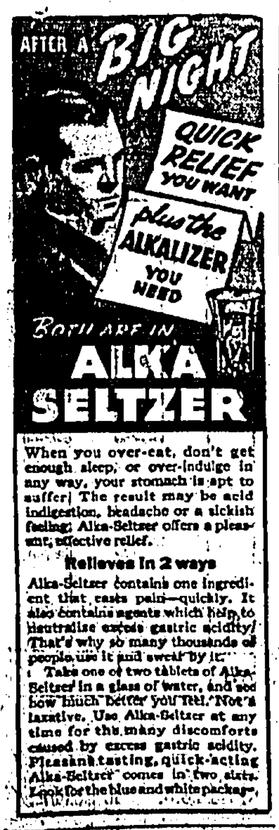
Mr. Austin, chief American delegate to the U.N., is recuperating from an operation at Walter Reed hospital here. He issued this statement through the State Department on the closing of the session:

"The general issue is more clearly defined to be between the bloc of Soviet states and the great majority of members of the United Nations, which are determined to keep their peoples free, and to preserve the blessings of liberty.

"It is not convincing, after repeated and consistent majority decisions with only the Communist bloc for opposing minority, to assert that the issue is between the United States and the USSR.

"The probability of war is reduced by the recognition of the facts. The possibility of agreement is increased by knowledge of where we stand.

"The charter expressely based security upon collective actions and provides for the inherent right of defence, collectively, as well as severally."—Associated Press.



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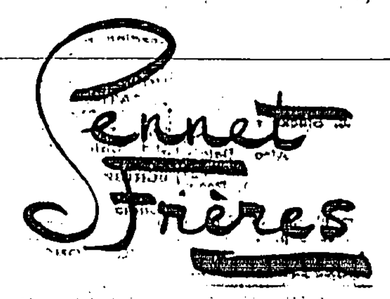

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December 11, 1948.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1948.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at King's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 14th December, 1948 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors, to appoint Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WHEELOCK MARDEN & COMPANY, LTD.,
Secretaries & General Managers.

Hong Kong, Dec. 1, 1948.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of One Dollar per share and a Bonus of One Dollar per share on 75,000 Old Shares has been declared payable on the 15th December, 1948, free of tax.

The Share Transfer Books will be closed from Saturday, 4th December 1948 to Wednesday, 15th December 1948 (inclusive) for the purpose of the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

Dividend Warrants will be issued at the Registered Office of the Company, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th December 1948.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & COMPANY,
Secretaries.

November 22, 1948.

NOTICE

THE SOCIETY OF YORKSHIREMEN IN HONG KONG.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held of the above Society on Wednesday the December 15, 1948 at 5.30 p.m. in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, to alter the existing Rule 8 (a) to read:—

"To receive from the Committee a Report Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the preceding Year ending the September 30."

This will then be followed immediately by THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to receive a report of the Year under review from the outgoing President, and to elect the following:—

President
Vice President
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
and Five members to serve on the Committee.

Any Other Business.

Tea will be served before the Meeting.

R. A. de Rome.
Hon Secretary.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG

NOTICE

Members are reminded that the St. George's Ball is being held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, 7th January, 1949. Any Member who has not received a notice of the Ball should apply to the Secretaries.

It is requested that lists of guests should be submitted as soon as possible.

Any Englishman who is not a Member of the Society and who wishes to join should apply to the Secretaries or to any Member of the Committee.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.,
Secretaries & Treasurers.
Exchange Building.

Hong Kong, Dec. 10, 1948.

MCC Attack Ties Down Transvaal

Johannesburg, December 11.

Although getting no response from the perfect wicket, the MCC attack today tied down the Transvaal batsmen on the second day of the match here, after George Mann had declared the tourists' first innings closed at 513 for seven wickets.

The MCC bowlers did well to claim four wickets for 221 runs before the close of play.

Bedser, Gladwin and Young all bowled splendidly and were excellently handled by Mann.

Begbie was the best of the home batsmen, scoring 58 not out in two hours 20 minutes, but twice gave hot catches off Gladwin.

In the MCC first innings, T. G. Evans, England and Kent Wicket-keeper, once again proved his worth as a batsman alone, scoring 77 not out, while Alec Bedser, who is considered England's best opening bowler today, put on 32 before he was caught.—Reuter.

Rugby Results

London, December 11.

Today's Rugby results:—

Union: County championship:—Cornwall 8 Devon 8; Cumberland and Westmorland 12 Durham 0; Gloucestershire 12 Somerset 0; Lancashire 11 Yorkshire 3; Northumberland 9 Cheshire 8.

Club matches—Blackheath 3 Leicester 10; Guy's Hospital 28 Old Cranleighans 0; Harlequins 11 Heriots Former Pupils 8; London Hospital 6 Rugby 3; London Irish 0 London Welsh 6; Old Merchant Taylors 13 St. Thomas Hospital 5; Richmond 3 St. Mary's Hospital 6; Wasps 0 London Scottish 19, Aberavon 8 Llanelly 0, Bath 6 Somerset Police 6; Bedford 19 Metropolitan Police 3; Bridgend 6 Neath 3; Cardiff 6 Cambridge University 8; Cross Keys 12 Old Paulines 3; Gloucester 6 Stroud 0; Manchester 11 Old Mill Hillians 3; Newport 25 Plymouth Albion 5; Northampton 6 Waterloo 3; Notts 19 Old Aleynians 0; Nuneaton 0 Weston-super-Mare 3; Pontypool 0 Bristol 0; Swansea 16 Coventry 3; Torquay 6 Cambridge University XV 6; Ulster 6 Combined Service 3, United Services Portsmouth 6 Rosslyn Park 0; Edinburgh Wanderers 32 Kelvinside West 13.

League: Widnes 8 Australians 14; Bradford Northern 8 Batley 2; Belle Vue Rangers 5 Salford 17; Castleford 20 Bramley 5; Dewsbury 17 Keighley 0; Huddersfield 9 Warrington 11; Hull Kingston Rovers 3 Hunslet 0; Leeds 5 Leigh 9; Liverpool Stanley 2 Halifax 16; Oldham 10 Wigan 15 Rochdale Hornets 4 Barrow 2; Swinton 14 Workington 5; Wakefield Trinity 22 Featherstone Rovers 2; Whitehaven 0 St. Helen's 13; York 5 Hull 10.—Reuter.

FANNY KOEN TO TOUR AUSTRALIA

Amsterdam, December 11.

Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, Dutch Olympic Star, has cancelled her proposed American tour in favour of a visit to Australia early next year. She will leave the Netherlands on January 3 by air with her husband, who coached her for the Olympic Games in London.

The American tour, consisting entirely of indoor track events, has now presumably lost its appeal to Mrs. Blankers-Koen, as there are only a few events open to women.—Reuter.

HARBOUR VIEW HOTEL

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that our new Telephone Number will be 59123 (3 main lines) as from 15th December, 1948.

CARNIVAL — By Dick Turner

"The next time you're down this way would you please pass the cream?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
The Authority on Authorities

THREE WAYS TO NIP HIM

YOU MAY NOT have enough trumps in the dummy to lead through the defender who has some honour or honours in tenace position. In that situation, you may not necessarily face an extremity. Perhaps toward the close of the hand you may lead some other suit from the dummy, at a time when he will have to ruff before you. Or you may be able to make his partner lead through him at that stage. A still further and third possibility is that you may manage to make him lead from his trumps into yours. Either might nip him.

	S K 9 H J D A Q 9 8 5 4 3 C 8 7 3	
S None H A K Q 9 7 6 3 D J 7 6 2 C J 10	N W E S	S Q 10 6 5 H 3 H 10 8 D K 10 C Q 5 4 2
	C A J 8 7 4 2 H 5 4 2 D None C A K 9 6	

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 S	2 H	3 D
Pass	3 S	Pass	4 S
Dbl.			

One of the most adroit declarers in national championship company, Sidney Silidor of Philadelphia, brought that contract home by astute planning and action.

At the outset he decided to play East for every one of the five outstanding trumps. So, after ruffing the second heart in dummy, he discarded his last heart on the diamond A and then began to shorten his own trumps by ruffing the diamond 3 with the spade 4. He went to dummy with the spade 2 to the K and led the diamond 4. East ruffed with the spade 5 and was over-ruffed by the 7. The club A and K were scored and the 6 led to East's Q.

To get out of his hand this time, East led the club 5 to the 9. With East holding the spade Q-10-6 and South the A-J-8, Mr. Silidor now led the 8. East had to use his 10 to win this. Now he had no option but to give up the last two tricks with a lead from the Q-6 into the A-J.

By this means Mr Silidor managed to make his doubled game contract, losing only one trick each in hearts, clubs and spades.

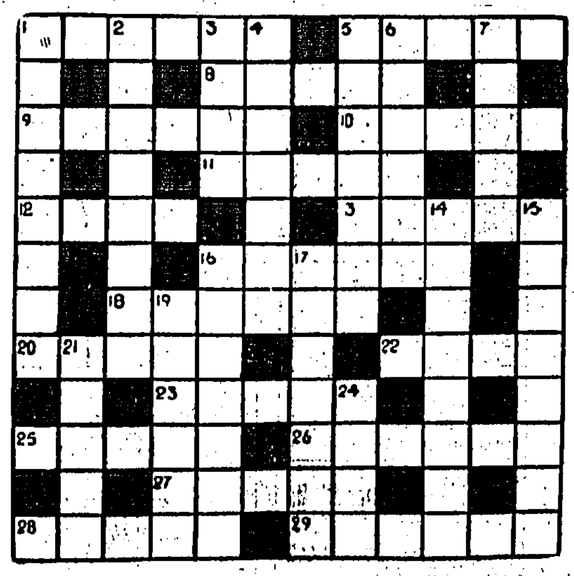
Tomorrow's Problem

	S K 9 H K 10 9 6 3 D Q 4 3 2 C Q 10	
S 10 8 7 3 H 7 5 4 D 10 7 C A 4 3 2	N W E S	S Q H Q J 8 D A J 9 8 C J 9 8 6
	S A J 6 5 4 2 H A 2 D K 6 C K 7 5	

(Dealer West. Neither side vulnerable).

How should South seek an extra trick on this tournament deal after West leads the club A and spade 3 against his 4-Spades?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Allow.
5 Concise.
8 Hut.
9 Dwarf.
10 Implied.
11 Play noisily.
12 Strike with the foot.
13 Shelf.
16 Feast.
18 Cnief.
20 Consume.
22 Tumble.
23 Hues.
25 Musical work.
26 One or the other.
27 Come in.
28 Speedy.
29 Let for a term.

Down

1 Gourds.
2 Mock.
3 Freezes.
4 Gossiped.
5 Nominal.
6 Smooth coating.
7 Hurl.
14 Separates.
15 Examined thoroughly.
16 Beaming.
17 Well-bred.
19 Course.
21 Scholar.
24 Ancestor.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Doctor, 5 Rapid, 8 Mete, 9 Pallid, 11 Viola, 12 Mature, 14 Pine, 16 Utter, 18 Alone, 19 Mass, 20 Tirade, 24 Ideal, 25 Gleans, 26 Emit, 27 Hated, 28 Noised.

DOWN:—1 Dope, 2 Calm, 3 Omit, 4 Reduce, 5 Revenue, 6 Promote, 7 Dealers, 10 Latin, 13 Varnish, 14 Portent, 15 Nettled, 17 Trade, 19 Margin, 21 Alto, 22 Eats, 23 Used.

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INDONESIAN DISPUTE AT A SERIOUS STAGE

Batavia, December 11.

The Security Council's Good Offices Committee on Indonesia will report almost immediately to the Security Council on the situation arising from the receipt today of the Dutch decision to break off negotiations with the Indonesian Republic.

The Committee met today to consider the Dutch decision, and is now drafting its report which is expected to precipitate a new Security Council debate.

Observers here consider that relations between the Dutch and the Republicans have reached the most serious stage since the Dutch police action ended in August last year.

Peace talks have been going on under supervision of a United Nations Good Offices Committee since large scale fighting was ended by the Renville truce last February.

An official statement said the Dutch delegation in Batavia has advised the Good Offices Committee that further talks are useless unless the Republican government changes its viewpoint radically.

No date was announced for the formation of the interim government, but previous official statements had mentioned next January as the deadline.

Antara accused the Dutch of backing out on previously made committments. Antara is the official Indonesian news agency.

U.N. Action

In Paris, U.N. sources said the Dutch decision to break off talks will have to be considered by the Security Council. The Council, however, has not yet received any official word on the new developments.

The interim government for the so called federal territories will include about two-thirds of the territory of Indonesia. Dutch communique said the way would be left open for Republican participation later.

"Now that it has been clearly demonstrated that the Republic does not observe the truce and in fact does not accept the principles of the Renville agreement," the announcement said, "the Netherlands Government does not desire to delay or obstruct further the realisation of the new legal order in Indonesia through further negotiations."

The statement followed intensive Cabinet discussions with a Ministerial delegation which returned last Tuesday from Java.

The announcement indicated that negotiations had broken down on two main points-Dutch demands for more rigid observance of the truce and the question of dividing authority during the interim period. The Dutch accused President Hatta of going back on an earlier commitment to accept complete Netherlands sovereignty during the transition.

Not Surprised

A despatch from Batavia said Republican circles express little surprise at the Dutch announcement.

This decision had been expected, it was said, since the Dutch and Indonesian delegations appeared so far away in their last meetings in Batavia and Kaliocrang.

There was some speculation in Batavia, this report said, as to whether the Dutch would be able to form an interim government without the Republic. Leaders of the East Indonesian and West Java states recently expressed strong opinions that the Republic should be part of any new interim government.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Cop 'Deprived' Negro Of Life

New Orleans, December 12.

A Federal Grand Jury here has indicted a former State patrolman on charges of violating the civic rights of a Negro—by depriving him of his life. The indictment charged that the patrolman "unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously" deprived the Negro, a prison "trusty," of "the right not to be deprived of his life without due process of law."

The document said on June 27, the patrolman attacked the Negro "without justification and with a wooden club." The Negro died. At the time of the attack, the patrolman was supervising convict "trusties" at the Louisiana State Police barracks at Baton Rouge. A "trusty" is a prisoner allowed privileges for good behaviour.—Reuter.

Gale Sweeps Portugal

Lisbon, December 11.

A strong gale was sweeping Portugal today, tearing roofs off houses, uprooting trees and sweeping children along the streets.

Ships and aircraft were warned not to call at Lisbon Airport, the airport radio reporting a gale speed of 120 kilometres an hour. No casualties had been reported.

Traffic across the Tagus was suspended.—Reuter

Lost Work By Mozart Discovered

Vienna, December 11.

A Vienna church organist has discovered what may be a lost work by Mozart—the "Orphanage Mass," written when the composer was 12 years old.

Erich Haider, the organist of the small Maria Geburt Church here came across a Mass in C major among copies of other known Mozart masses lying in the rectory.

With it was a letter from Leopold Mozart, the composer's father describing the performance before the Imperial Court on December 7, 1768, of a special mass "written for the dedication of an orphanage church," and conducted by the 12-year-old boy.

The Maria Geburt Church was consecrated as the "Orphanage Church" in 1768.

It will be difficult to prove that this is the lost work, as it is a copy made about 1870. Experts say that, even if it is not by Mozart himself, it is a valuable example of a contemporary.—Reuter.

HQ OF ECAFE MAY BE MOVED TO SINGAPORE

Sydney, December 12.

The fourth conference of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East ended today.

It was disclosed that headquarters may be moved from Shanghai to Singapore.

Delegates from 20 countries in two weeks of meetings at nearby Lapstone ran up a record of more conversation than actual achievement but said they felt the conference had been worth while.

The next session, originally planned for about May, has been put off until September or October. A Committee was authorised to call an earlier meeting if necessary.

This group will meet in two months at the Secretariat headquarters to examine plans for industrial development, trade and finance in the ECAFE. Whether headquarters will be moved from Shanghai to Singapore depends upon a final decision by the United Nations Secretary General.

Dutch Still Out

The conference adjourned without return of the Netherlands delegation which left the meeting on Wednesday after election of the Indonesian Republic as an associate member over Dutch protests.

Principal achievements of the meetings were decision to set up next year a bureau of fi od control to help the Asian countries, and admission of Nepal, the Indonesian Republic and the rest of Indonesia as associate members.

Several delegates said too much time had been consumed by speeches, especially by voluble orations by the chief Soviet delegate, Mr. Kirill Novikov, criticising policies and domestic affairs of other countries, and their replies.—Associated Press.

Doctor's Love For Former Nun

Rome, December 11.

A sensational trial here, in which a doctor is accused of having murdered his pregnant wife for the love of a former nun, drew towards its close this week.

The doctor, 29-year-old Girolamo Loiverso, from Palermo, was alleged to have injected corrosive sublimate of mercury into his wif's vein. The prosecution alleged that he committed the crime for former nun, Filomeno Salzilo, known as Sister Elena.

Both Loiverso and Salzilo denied this, although they admitted intimacy.

Signora Loiverso died on May 25. Shortly afterwards Sister Elena left Dr. Loiverso's hospital, where she worked and moved to Naples. The doctor followed her there.

Later the police received an anonymous letter accusing Loiverso of murdering his wife.

An exhumation revealed quantities of mercury.

Confronted by this evidence, Dr. Loiverso declared he had made a terrible mistake over the injections, but denied he had murdered his wife. The court has to decide whether it was truly an error or a premeditated act.

Judgment is not expected for about ten days.—Reuter.

BARODA'S ROLLS IN A FILM

Hollywood, December 12.

A US$35,000 Rolls-Royce roadster, once owned by the Maharajn of Baroda, will appear in "The Fountainhead," Warner Brothers' film version of the Anne Rand novel.

The car, built to order in 1939, is still one of the most luxurious ever seen in Hollywood. Its gear shift and break levers are plated with gold; it is upholstered in blue leather; and its instrument panel is made of mother-of-pearl. —Associated Press.

NORWEGIAN BEER FOR INDIA

Oslo, December 11.

Norway is planning to export beer to India. A small experimental consignment of Pilsner, beer is now being sent from Lilehammer Brewery and if this is successful it is intended to start large-scale beer exports to India.

India has also requested samples of Norwegian apple juice.—Reuter.

Diplomats' Recall Is Requested

Washington, December 11.

Rumania has asked for the recall of two American members of the United States Legation in Bucharest, the State Department said today.

The United States Government, it added, has also asked Rumania to recall two leaders of its Legation in Washington.

The Rumanian Government charged in a note last Tuesday that the American Military Attache and the Counsellor of the Legation were involved in the activities of plotters, spies and saboteurs convicted on November 2, the State Department said.

It asked for their removal in view of the facts revealed during the trial.

The United States Minister to Rumania replied in a note yesterday "While in conformity with the usual international practice, the United States Government is acceding to this request in arranging for the early departure from Rumania of these two officers, it rejects as ridiculous and entirely contrary to the grounds upon which the Rumanian Government presumes to base its request for their recall."

The State Department Press Officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, said that yesterday's American request for recall had no connection and was purely coincidental to the Rumanian request.

He gave no reasons and said the American note gave no reasons.

The Rumanian officers involved are Grigore Preotersa, Minister and Counsellor at the Legation and Charge d'Affairs during the absence of the Rumanian Minister, and Alexander Lazareau, Counsellor.

Mr. McDermott said M. Preotersa was not in the United States at present.

The two American officers involved are Colonel John R. Lovell, Military Attache, and Mr. Henry P. Leverich, Counsellor. The trial mentioned in the Rumanian note was of 12 Rumanian businessmen charged with espionage, economic sabotage and high treason in conspiracy with British and American diplomats.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Melodies from British Radio. (BBCTS)
1.00 p.m.—"Accent on Rhythm." (BBCTS)
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—"It's Swing Time."
6.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio)
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)
7.15 p.m.—Edmundo Ross and His Rumba Band.
7.30 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour Presented by Nan Dickenson. (Studio)
8.0 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)
8.10 p.m.—Beethovens Last Quartets—Introductory Talk by the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S. J. (Studio)
8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" Presented by D. Peach. (Studio)
9.00 p.m.—New Concert Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—Linda Cater Talks on Films. (Studio)
9.30 p.m.—London Playhouse "Woman in the Hall" with Ursula Jeans, Jean Simmons, Cecil Parker and Jill Raymond.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—BBC Theatre Orchestral Concert Conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. (BBCTS)
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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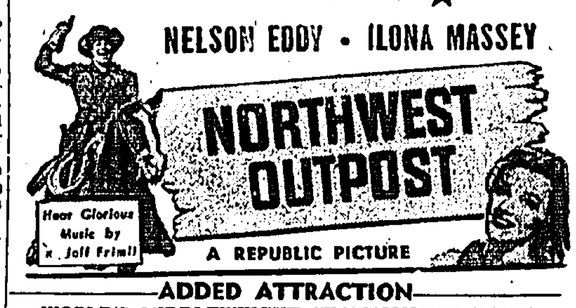

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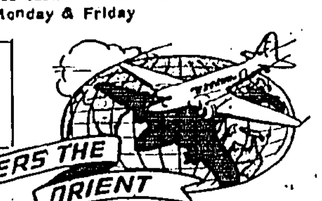

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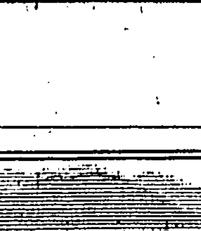

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RECONSTRUCTION IN ASIA

There is undoubtedly need for capital for reconstruction in Asia. The President of the World Bank has said that it would be unrealistic to expect the Bank to invest large sums in member countries in Asia in the near future. He has stressed that the Bank can make loans only when there is a reasonable prospect of repayment. Even if this were not so, the Bank's prospects of raising additional resources on the few accessible capital markets are now looking so thin that it clearly can not be counted upon to provide a channel through which investment finance can flow from the surplus to the deficit regions of the world. Yet in some way investment finance must be brought into Asia from outside if the reconstruction urgently needed there is to go forward, because Asia's own resources clearly are inadequate.

The delegates to the conference of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, which has just concluded at Lapstone, had a difficult and involved task in trying to plan practical reconstruction. The report of the special Working Committee says that nearly one half of the expenditure which the Committee regards as essential for recovery will be required for improving road, rail and water transport. Throughout Asia and the Far East the war years have aggravated the shortage of transport, and until that handicap can be overcome, it will be difficult for nations to advance towards higher standards of living which are acknowledged as essential.

The emphasis laid in the report on the needs of transport is an illustration of the mutual benefits to be obtained by the integration of recovery programmes in the Far East and recovery plans in Europe. The United States has made it clear that America cannot provide funds for reconstruction and development in Asia. It is also obvious that American industry, in the light of heavy worldwide demands, cannot supply what Far East countries urgently need.

The report of the Committee declares that apart from settlement of political disunity the development to be accomplished will depend on finance, capital goods, basic materials and technical personnel mostly from outside the ECAFE region. A large proportion of all these essentials must come from Western Europe; it is, therefore, true to say that every step forward made by Britain and other countries concerned in ERP is at the same time a symbol of hope for Asia.

There can be no question of the value of neighbouring countries working out together a programme to be carried out in close association with the specialised bodies of the United Nations and in accordance with the proclaimed purposes of the United Nations Charter. That value has already been established by what has so far been achieved in Europe, even though co-operation there is still in its infancy. United Kingdom plans for relating and integrating production in the British Isles and overseas territories have given a further illustration of the interdependence of widely separated lands. The two together demonstrate the importance of co-ordinating ERP and whatever plans ECAFE may devise.

THE THIRTY-FIRST INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

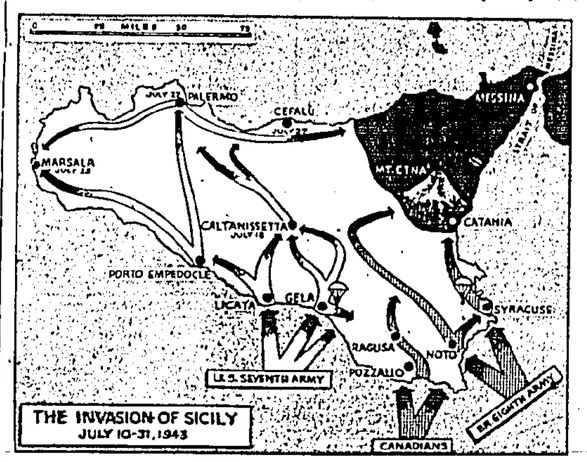
On the Southern front the parachutists had landed, although in certain instances far from their appointed landing grounds. We were almost amazed at the reports of progress in the American sector, where we had thought it possible Rear Admiral Alan Kirk, in command of the assault convoy, might even postpone the transfer to small boats for several hours, hoping for better weather conditions. It was so difficult for Admiral Cunningham to believe that landings in that area were feasible that he promptly took off in a destroyer to see what had happened. He came back and reported that the landings in the 45th Division sector constituted one of the finest exhibitions of seamanship it had been his pleasure to witness in forty-five years of sailoring.

As battle reports began to arrive it was evident that the enemy had been badly deceived as to the point of attack. His best formations were located largely on the Western end of the island, which he had apparently believed we would select for attack because of its proximity to our own North African ports. His reaction was typical. He pushed East and South with his most mobile forces to attack the American 1st Division at Gela. The division was not yet well ashore and these attacks seriously threatened to pierce through to the beach, but the enemy was short of supporting troops, particularly infantry and artillery. The gallant action of the 1st, supported steadfastly by an airborne formation and with assistance from naval gunfire, repulsed the counterattack after some hours of bitter touch-and-go fighting.

Believing that the enemy might persist in his counter-attacks on this portion of our forces, I left Malta that night in a British destroyer to visit Patton and Hewitt, the ground and naval commanders directly concerned. When I arrived the following morning the German was pulling back, presumably to strengthen his defences in the critical Catania area. Everybody was in fine fettle, and though we in the destroyer saw little more of the fighting than sporadic gunfire yet we got a good conception of the whole action on the South coast, and two accompanying pressmen, of whom John Gunther was one, picked up local colour for their dispatches. I seized the chance to slop on the beach to send the Canadian corps a message of welcome to the Allied command.

Up to that moment no amphibious attack in history had approached this one in size. Along miles of coast line there were hundreds of vessels and small boats afloat and antlike files of advancing troops ashore. Overhead were flights of protecting port in the North Eastern end of fighters.

The point we wanted to capture at the earliest possible moment was Messina, the enemy port in the northeastern end of the island, directly across the narrow strait from the Italian mainland. Through this port almost all enemy supplies would have to flow, and once it was secured the position of the garrison on the island would be hopeless. The enemy of course saw this simple truth as clearly as we and rapidly gathered up his forces to bar the progress of Montgomery, who was closest to Messina. In this effort the enemy was tremendously favoured by the ground. Mount Etna dominates the whole North East corner of the island and the Eighth Army's route to the Northward lay over a narrow road along the seaward shoulder of the mountain. Montgomery's attack initially proceeded swiftly and quickly overran the Eastern beaches to include the Nazi port of Syracuse, most important to our supply plan. From there toward Catania opposition grew increasingly stern. From July 17 onward the Eighth Army lay in the Catania plain facing the Mount Etna bastion with small prospect of penetrating the passes to the Northward. Montgomery began to build up his reinforcements so as to throw an encircling column to the Westward as his only hope of forcing his way onward to the ultimate goal.



The plain was infested with malaria. In no other area during the Mediterranean campaign did we suffer equal percentage losses from disease. At other points in Sicily we likewise had a serious casualty list from malaria, but Catania was the pesthole of the region.

Patton in the meantime pushed vigorously forward to the centre of the island, while with his extreme left flank he threw mobile columns around the Western perimeter of the island, entering Palermo within twelve days after the initial landing. His rapidity of movement quickly reduced the enemy ports to the single one of Messina; it broke the morale of the huge Italian garrison and placed Patton's forces in position to begin the attack from the Westward to break the deadlock on the Eastern flank.

Patton was a shrewd student of warfare who always clearly appreciated the value of speed in the conduct of operations. Speed of movement often enables troops to minimise any advantage the enemy may temporarily gain but, more important, speed makes possible the full exploitation of every favourable opportunity and prevents the enemy from readjusting his forces to meet successive attacks. Thus through speed and determination each successive advantage is more easily and economically gained than the previous one. Continuation of the process finally results in demoralisation of the enemy. Thereupon speed must be redoubled—relentless and speedy pursuit is the most profitable action in war.

To insure rapidity of action all commanders, and troops, must recognise opportunities and be imbued with the burning determination to make the most of them. The higher commander must constantly plan, as each operation progresses, so to direct his formations that success finds his troops in proper position and condition to undertake successive steps without pause. Long periods of inaction for regrouping are justified only by sheer necessity. Veteran troops realise that by continuing the advance and attack against a shaken enemy the greatest possible gains are made at minimum cost. Speed requires training, fitness, confidence, morale, suitable transport, and skillful leadership. Patton employed these tactics relentlessly, and thus not only minimized casualties but shook the whole Italian Government so forcibly that Mussolini toppled from his position of power in late July.

As the Seventh Army approached the Western slopes of the Mount Etna highlands fighting became more and more severe The Battle of Troina, conducted largely by the 1st Division, was one of the most fiercely fought smaller actions of the war. The enemy launched twenty-four separate counter-attacks during the battle. The ground was rocky and broken, with hidden areas difficult to clean out. Several days after the capture of the position our troops were astonished to find in one small valley a field of several hundred German dead, so far uncounted. They were victims of American artillery fire.

In the advance Eastward from Palermo the left flank of the Seventh Army, following the coast line, made a series of small amphibious operations, the strength of the landings varying from one to two battalions. A small naval task force under Rear Admiral Lyal A. Davidson and the troops advancing along the rocky coastal cliffs of Sicily achieved a remarkable degree of co-ordination and efficiency in carrying out these attacks. The only road was of the "shelf" variety, a mere niche in the cliffs interrupted by numerous bridges and culverts that the enemy invariably destroyed as he drew back fighting. The advance along the coast line toward Messina by the Seventh Army was a triumph of engineering, seamanship, and gallant infantry action.

By the end of July the Italian garrison, except for a few small elements under the direct domination of their German overlords, had entirely quit, but along the great saw-toothed ridge of which the centre was Mount Etna the German garrison was fighting skillfully and savagely. Panzer and paratroop elements here were among the best we encountered in the war, and each position won was gained only through the complete destruction of the defending elements.

Nevertheless, by the time the Seventh and Eighth Armies had closed up into position for their final assault against the Mount Etna bastion the Germans saw that the game was up and began the evacuation across the Strait of Messina. Our bombers operated against this line of escape, but the narrowness of the strait allowed the enemy to get out most of the badly battered German garrison during hours of darkness.

Early on August 17 the U.S. 3rd Division pushed into the town of Messina. A detachment from the Eighth Army soon after arrived and on that date the last remaining element of the enemy forces on the island was eliminated.

In the original study of the Sicilian operation Alexander had faintly hoped that the forces landing on the East of the island would quickly push to the Northward, close to Messina. There they could effectively block the easy avenue for enemy evacuation, and would also be in a position to make a possible surprise landing across the narrow strait and thus assist in a speedy transfer of our troops to the Italian mainland later on.

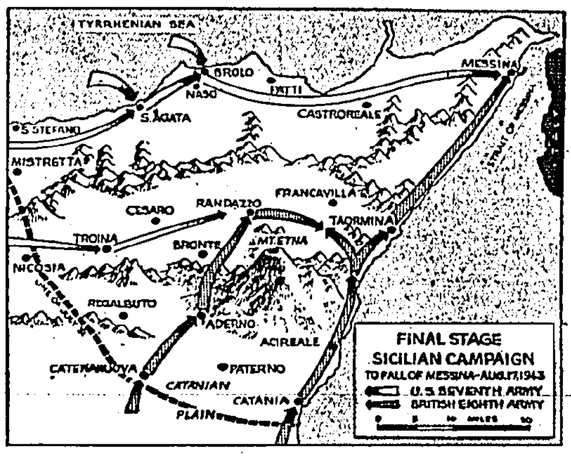
Montgomery's operations on the East coast had begun auspiciously, and for a few days it looked as if Alexander's hope might be realised. But by the time Montgomery was ready to assault the natural defensive barriers running from Mount Etna to the sea the enemy had brought up too much strength. The chance for a coup de main passed, if it ever had existed. Thereafter the Northward path of the Eighth Army was fully path difficult from the terrain viewpoint as was the Eastward advance on the left of the Seventh Army. In addition the Eighth Army had to overcome the preponderance of enemy strength. On the cliffs facing the sea just to the Eastward of Mount Etna, I saw an almost incredible feat of field engineering. The road, completely blown away through a gap of two hundred yards, presented nothing but a sheer cliff hundreds of feet in height. Across this gap the engineers built a trestle capable of supporting the heaviest army loads; it was another example of what troops in the field can do when they are faced with stark necessity.

Nevertheless, again there cropped up criticisms of Montgomery's "caution," which I had first heard among pressmen and airmen when he was conducting his long pursuit of Rommel across the desert. Criticism is easy—an unsuccessful attack brings cries of "butcher" just as every pause brings wails of "timidity." Such charges are unanswerable because proof or refutation is impossible. In war about the only criterion that can be applied to a commander is his accumulated record of victory and defeat. If regularly successful, he gets credit for his skill, his judgment as to the possible and the impossible, and his leadership. Those critics of Montgomery who assert that he sometimes failed to attain the maximum must at least admit that he never once sustained a major defeat. In this particular instance I went over all details carefully, both with Montgomery and with Alexander. I believed then, and believe now, that a headlong attack against the Mount Etna position, with the resources available in the middle of July, would have been defeated. And it is well to remember that caution and timidity are not synonymous, just as boldness and rashness are not!

Among the American leaders, Bradley had done so well in Sicily that when General Marshall, toward the end of August, asked my recommendation on the Army commander for the United States troops in Great Britain, I answered: "The truth of the matter is that you should take Bradley and moreover I will make him available on any date you select." Shortly thereafter General Bradley assumed his new duties in England.

One of the valuable outcomes of the campaign was the continued growth and development of the spirit of comradeship between British and American troops in action. The Seventh Army, in its first campaign, had established a reputation that gained the deep respect of the veteran British Eighth, while on the American side there was sincere enthusiasm for the fighting qualities of their British and Canadian partners.

The operations brought to a high degree of efficiency the co-ordination among air, naval, and ground forces. The Navy, in its escorting, supporting, and maintenance functions, performed miracles and always in exact co-ordination with the needs and support of the other arms. The real preliminary to the assault was a vast bombing operation by air. Entirely aside from its success in defeating the enemy air forces, it so badly battered the enemy communications in Sicily and Southern Italy that the mobility of his forces was materially lowered and the supply of his troops was a most difficult process.



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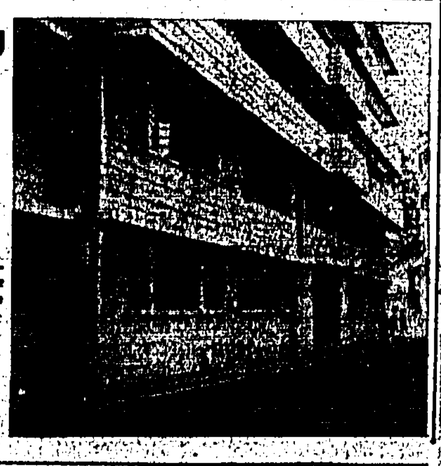

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APB 3.

AMERICAN POLICY OF HANDS OFF IN CHINA

No Possibility Of More Aid

TRUMAN SAID PRESSING RESETTLEMENT WITH REDS

Washington, December 11.

Diplomatic officials said today that the United States will avoid any interference in China's internal affairs during the present crisis.

The officials said that this hands off attitude toward involvement in China's civil war reaffirmed United States support of the American-British-Soviet agreement on China signed in Moscow three years ago.

The former Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes, then pledged the United States to a strict policy of non-interference in the internal affairs in China.

Diplomats said this pledge still guides the American policy, notwithstanding Madame Chiang Kai-shek's personal appeals to President Truman and the Secretary of State, George Marshall, for greater American commitments on behalf of the Nationalist government.

Administration quarters expressed certainty that the President had not pledged the all-out aid that Madame Chiang asked.

No information was available on future plans, if any, to make public appeals for China aid. Nor has it been announced when Madam Chiang plans to leave for home. She will attend Church services here on Sunday at the Foundry Methodist Church.

American post-war aid has been sent to China to support the Chiang Government because it is the recognised government.

But officials said that the United States has not and does not intend to undertake direct responsibility for the conduct of Chinese political, economic or military affairs.

Spending Too Much

The factors influencing the decision, in addition to the Moscow Declaration, were listed as follows:

1. Reports from China by impartial observers that the Nationalist forces have lost no battles in the last three years for lack of equipment.

2. Large scale United States commitments in Western Europe under the multi-billion dollar European recovery programme. Government experts a year ago said the programme could be supported but they cautioned against over-extending U.S. resources to aid foreign nations.

The projected North Atlantic Security Pact with Western European nations may cost up to $2,000,000,000 in United States military support during the first year. Talks on the pact were resumed yesterday and it may be ready for Senate action late in February or early in March.

3. Pressures are constantly being exerted on this Government by non-Communist Chinese who doubt that even large-scale American aid for Chiang could prevent a downfall of his tottering Government.

Concerning Madame Chiang's mission, official informants said that U.S. diplomatic and military officials keep Washington up to date with a constant stream of information on developments in China.

Delay Symbolic

They doubted that Madame Chiang would offer any additional information which would influence the shaping of American policy toward China.

The Chinese Embassy said that except for attendance at church services, Madame Chiang had announced no further plans for the week-end.

When China's First Lady arrived 10 days ago, it was said that she would move into Washington after a few days of rest at Leesburg. However, she is still there and there are no official indications as to the future.

President Truman's delay in receiving her seemed to be symbolic. Although she came to plead the cause of her government in one of the most critical hours in history, President Truman allowed her to wait 10 days before seeing her. In the meantime, Mr. Truman's calling list included a number of visitors who by no stretch of imagination could be termed very important. Among the visitors were a publicity man for a new kind of camera, a New York restauranteur and a radio singer.

Another Angle

The White House would not comment today on Chinese reports that the United States is trying to persuade the Nanking Government, through Madame Chiang Kai-shek, to reach a settlement with the Communists.

President Truman, after meeting Madame Chiang Kai-shek for the first time last night, said he gave a sympathetic hearing to her appeal for increased American aid.

Authoritative sources say the sympathetic hearing does not imply any tendency to accept Madame Chiang's thesis that $3,000 million worth of arms and a high American military advisory commission are needed to turn the Communist tide.

It is unlikely that Madame Chiang and President Truman had anything like an extensive discussion.

Washington diplomatic quarters are convinced an agreement between Nanking and the Communists would probably overwhelmingly favour the latter.

Best Course?

Some officials believe a settlement, even if in a Communist-dominated Government, is perhaps the best course.

No plans for a further discussion between Madame Chiang and President Truman have been announced though a Chinese Embassy spokesman said today: "The possibility should not be excluded."

Madame Chiang may give more direct information on her mission in Washington when she holds a press conference early next week.—United Press and Reuter.

A Slight Disagreement

St. Paul, Minnesota, December 12.

Four railwaymen were shot dead here yesterday by another employee, J. J. Hill, an engineer, who then went to an adjoining room and shot himself.

Employees said the shootings followed a disagreement among the men and who would do certain work.—Reuter.

Chinese Interest In P.I.

Manila, December 12.

Chinese capitalists planning investment in the Philippines rarely find this country a happy hunting ground, the Manila Times said today.

The editorial stated: "There is good reason to believe that reports of forthcoming large-scale incursions of Chinese industry and finance here, however frequently denied at this time, are based on fact."

The Times said: "The Philippines can certainly use new industries. Provided that those interests are operated in the interest of the Philippines, provided that they employ only Filipino labour and take advantage of only Filipino management.

"The laws of the Philippines guarantee foreign capital full protection. But the laws also operate on the principle that the country is first and last the property of the Filipinos."—Associated Press.

SHE DELIVERED ADOLF HITLER

Vienna, December 11.

Maria Hoerl, the mid-wife who delivered Adolf Hitler, had died at the age of 89 at Braunau on the Inns river.—Reuter.

America To Write Off China?

Shanghai, December 12.

The Chinese Government has reason to believe that President Truman's National Security Council has recommended writing off China in the fight against Communism.

All-out efforts must be made to save Japan and the Pacific Island chain, including Formosa and Hainan, it was added.

The Security Council was known to have made a report to President Truman on the China situation a short time prior to Mr. George Marshall's return from Paris for a conference with the President.

It was announced that the decision would be made public but so far no statement was made on the results of any top level conferences on China in Washington.

The National Security Council is reported in effect to have abandoned hope of saving China from the Reds but the United States must at all costs set up Far Eastern defences against Communism in the island chain plus Japan.

The Chinese Government believes that the Council recommended to President Truman that it would be hopeless to try to save the Nationalist Government and that the Communists are certain to conquer all of China.

British Action

The Communists must not be allowed to touch Japan, Taiwan, Hainan, the Ryukyus, Marshalls and other Japanese-mandated islands as well as the Philippines.

The British would be depended upon to keep the Reds under control in Hong Kong and Malaya.

However, if President Truman's advisers made such recommendations, they made a great mistake in assuming that a Nationalist China abandoned by the United States to Communism would agree to the United States taking Taiwan and Hainan under the Stars and Stripes, according to a Chinese informant.

He said there is no reason whatever to believe that the Chiang Kai-shek Government on one hand, or the Communists on the other, would permit United States defence construction in Taiwan and Hainan without ironclad and adequate guarantees to the Chinese Government —guarantees which, it was believed here, the United States will not be willing to meet.—United Press.

Spanish Criticism Of Bevin

Madrid, December 11.

The Catholic newspaper Ya declared today that Britain's Labour Government has treated Spain worse than they treated Britain's defeated enemies.

Commenting on Mr. Churchill's Parliamentary statement yesterday that Spain should be granted United Nations membership, the paper said: "His remarks prove that the United States views about international realities are much more accurate than those of the British Foreign Office.

Attacking Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Falangist newspaper Ariba said: "Although he is engaged in the strenuous task of liquidating what remains of the British Empire, he still finds time to interfere in matters which do not concern him."—Reuter.

CHINA PROPHECY

New York, December 11.

The Magazine "Business Week" today predicted that if the Communists take over China, Moscow would doubtless recognise the People's Republic but the chances are that Generalissimo Stalin will not want a centralised state under Mao Tze-tung.

"The danger that Mao might become a Chinese Tito is too great. So look for Stalin to keep the Communist territory from being too well-knit. Domination from the Kremlin would be easier that way."—United Press.

HMS BLACK SWAN IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, December 12.

The British warship Black Swan arrived here today to replace the 10,000-ton cruiser Sussex, which is expected to sail for Hong Kong.

Captain R. C. Boyle, commanding Black Swan, and Lieutenant Commander B. M. Skinner, commanding Amethyst, the other British warship in port, are to make several official calls tomorrow.—Reuter.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photograph shows the Nethersole Hospital in Bonham Road.

Arctic Tests By Royal Navy

London, December 12.

Six naval ships are to make a six weeks' cruise in the North Atlantic and Arctic early next year to study the effect of very cold weather on the ships and crews.

The leading experimental force will be the aircraft carrier Vengeance, which will carry jet planes and the air group will be specially equipped for Arctic flying.

There will also be two destroyers, a frigate, a submarine and an oiler.—Reuter.

German Socialist Defence Warning

Orlesburg, December 11.

The West German Social Democratic Party today warned Germans against widespread speculation on the remilitarisation of Germany for Western defence.

The Socialist leaders, winding up a two-day meeting, stressed that any Western defence plan could only be discussed within a framework of international collective security by a German Government recognised as a partner in Europe.

Even if Germany became a State with considerable autonomy, the question of her part in any defence plan would be one for Allied decision.

Some German political leaders had suggested that a German force should be formed to take part in the defence of Western Europe.

The Social Democrat Party's deputy leader, Herr Erich Ollenhauer, told the press: "Unless Germany achieves a different status in international law, talk about her participation in a Western security system must remain academic.

"If anyone starts collecting Germans for military tasks, we want to make it clear that we will not support any military organisation based on the traditional forces of German militarism."

The party appointed a Committee to prepare its programme for Western Germany's first general election and for eventual participation in a West German Government.—Reuter.

Blackmailed Into Becoming Spy

Heidelberg, December 11.

A 28-year-old self-confessed agent told American investigators that he had been blackmailed into becoming a spy for the Communist Government by Czech officials who offered to withdraw embezzlement charges against him.

He said the Czech intelligence ring for the American Zone of Germany was headed by a Czech Army officer in Munich, whose mission was to gather information about Germany and Czech refugees in Bavaria and Hesse.

The Army announcement said Zajicak attended a special Czech spy school at Dobsy in July and August last year. The curriculum consisted chiefly of intelligence methods, interrogation technique, communication between agents and political indoctrination which amounted to a history of the Communist Party.

Zajicek said the potential spies of the school were given passwords and ordered to memorise names of contacts in Munich, Selb, Regensburg, Wiesbaden, Nuremburg and Marthedwitz. They were taught elaborate codes.

Information was transmitted orally to the head of the spy ring in Munich who passed it on to the contacts on the Czech border. The Czech intelligence corps had organised a complete net of spies in the United States Zone of Austria as well as Germany, he said.—Reuter.

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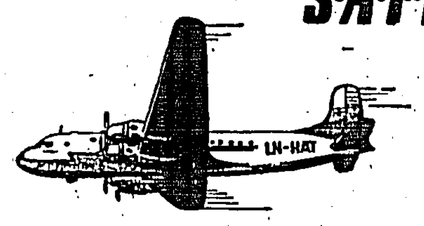

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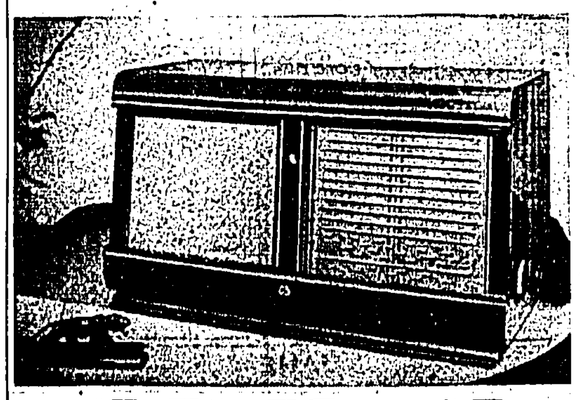

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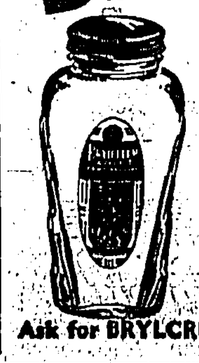

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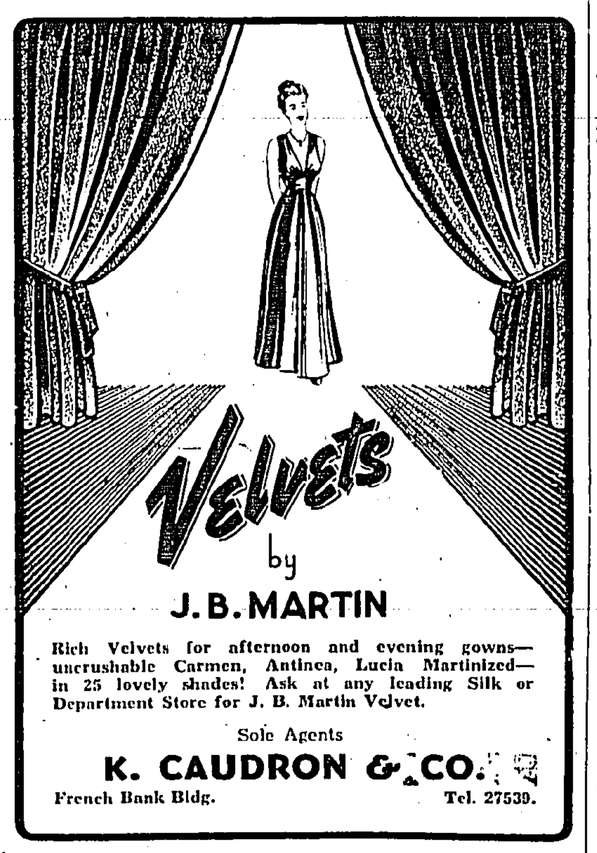

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'SUICIDE SQUAD' DROPS 'ATOM BOMB' ON FLEET

Plymouth, December 11.

After being atom bombed by a lone Lancaster aircraft with a handpicked suicide crew, the Redland fleet, attacking Plymouth was engaged by coastal batteries today in the last of the air exercises.

The atom bomb consisted of three flares producing a total flash of nine million candlepower and was dropped from 1,500 feet.

It was seen to explode 30 feet above the sea astern of either a heavy cruiser or a battleship.

The Lancaster also dropped another pyrotechnic to simulate a smaller non-atomic bomb, although in practice the first explosion would have pulverised the plane.

"It was worth it" commented Air Vice-Marshal Hopps, AOC of the Lancaster Group, "because I wanted to give the Red Fleet a chance to go to atom bomb stations and carry out practice drill. If I am criticised for dropping a bomb at such a low altitude, my answer is that the crew were volunteers in a suicide squad."

(Umpires who will assess the exercise objectively may discount the atom bomb altogether, as the rules say that it must be dropped from several thousand feet.)

Spotted By Radar

A message from the fleet, quoted by an Admiralty spokesman, said that they did not see the photo-flash but a flare was dropped near the port flank of the fleet. The nearest ships were the cruiser Diadem, 4,000 yards off, and the destroyer Aisne, 4,500 yards away.

The light fleet carrier, Vengeance, was 8,000 yards away from the flash. Further flares were dropped near the fleet five minutes and one hour later.

The Admiralty spokesman could not say whether the air attack was effective or not.

Radar spotted the enemy in heavy rain and then the defenders saw the ships—The battleship Duke of York, three cruisers and four destroyers—loom out of the mist flashing their searchlights to simulate gunfire.

The attackers withdrew after a few hours and some of the large ships sailed for Portsmouth, where many of their crew will pay off for Christmas leave.

Bad Weather

Tonight, destroyers and submarines were making a last attack on Plymouth.

Most of today's exercise, the air warfare, was cancelled because of bad weather, and defence attacks by motor-torpedo boats were also called off.

The exercise began off the Azores last Tuesday. An assessment of the exercise will be made on Tuesday at a conference in Portsmouth between the umpires and the opposing Chiefs of Staff.

Defending Plymouth, in addition to naval and Royal Air Force components, are Territorials, drawn from coastal towns throughout Southern England. Normal shore defences were reinforced by the guns of HMS Vanguard and the cruiser Jamaica. —Reuter.

LARGE-SCALE THEFT FROM POLICE HQ

Paris, December 12.

Thieves broke into the Accounts Section of the Surete Nationale (French Police Headquarters) and got away with five million francs, it was learned here today.—Reuter.

No Xmas Lights For Manila

Manila, December 12.

There'll be no cheery outdoor Christmas lights for Manila this year.

The Manila Electric Company notified Mayor Manuel de la Funte that increasing demand for electric service exceeded the capacity of the distribution system. The company said it could not carry the load of Christmas lights.—Associated Press.

CHAMBERS RESIGNS FROM "TIME"

New York, December 12.

Whittaker Chambers, former Communist spy courier, announced today that he had resigned as senior editor of the Time magazine.

He said: "I have offered my resignation as senior editor of the Time magazine. It has been accepted. Both these acts became imperative when I recently began to make revelations about Communist espionage. When Time employed me in 1939, its editors knew that I was an ex-Communist. They did not know that espionage was involved."—United Press.

War Of Words Staves Off Clash On Berlin

Paris, December 12.

The war of words in the United Nations Assembly is credited by some delegates with staving off a Russian-Western power explosion over Berlin.

Word-weary United Nations leaders acknowledge East-West cleavage is just as serious as when the Assembly convened on September 21. No Berlin settlement is in sight.

But they say they feel stronger about the chances of peace now than when they came.

Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, chief delegate of the Philippines, summed up the feeling of several delegates on the general world outlook now as a result of the Assembly. He said.

"When we met here in September the diplomatic pressure and political provocation were cumulatively increasing to a point where, as in Berlin, there could have been an explosion.

"But the war of words in the United Nations took the place of diplomatic pressures and political provocations and that, I believe, staved off what would have been catastrophic for the world.

"The United Nations has shown it can survive in spite of cleavage between East and West."

Too Much Talk

Many United Nations officials say that too much talk and too little action marred the session. Delegates debated so long that they were unable to finish the job and will meet again on April 1 in New York to complete this year's regular session.

The Soviet Union and its tight little bloc of adherents—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Soviet Ukraine and White Russia—used their speaking privilege so much that they were charged with filibustering.

One Soviet bloc source was asked if that really was their intent. He grinned and said: "One must use what tools he has."

Russia does not have a veto in the Assembly but the Western delegates say the Russians abused their debate rights to deadlock the Assembly action on projects they disfavour.

The flow of "words, words, words"—to quote the New Zealand Prime Minister, Peter Fraser's, characterisation of one Russian speech—has caused the United Nations leaders to look quietly for a way to streamline the United Nations and cut down on talk.

Major Decisions

Seventy-five items were proposed for the Assembly. It acted on more than 50, many of secondary importance, the major decisions were:—

(1) Korea.

(2) Palestine.

(3) A directive to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission to keep working for world atomic control and instructions for the United States, Britain, China, France, Russia and Canada to consult on possibility of atomic agreement.

(4) Refusal to accept Russia's demand for one third cut in armed forces of the five great powers within a year and the prohibition of the atomic bomb. Instead the Assembly told the United Nations Commission for conventional armaments to keep working on arms control.

(5) Approved the first world declaration of human rights—a declaration backed by moral force. The United Nations will now turn to drawing up a covenant to make it binding upon signaorties.

Dramatic Action

(6) Approved a convention against genocide, the mass destruction of any racial, religious or national group.

(7) Condemned Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria for helping Greek insurgents in the strongest action the Assembly has taken on the Balkans.

(8) Approved a Mexican resolution calling on the five great powers to make new efforts at co-operation. That was the springboard for one of the most dramatic actions of the Assembly—in the Berlin case.

The United States, Britain and France put the Berlin dispute before the Security Council. The Council tried to settle the differences by negotiation but Russia's Andrei Vyshinsky would not debate the issue. The six neutral members—China, Canada, Argentina, Belgium, Syria and Colombia—brought in a resolution.

Russian Veto

This called for Russia to raise the Berlin blockade immediately, for currency reforms to be put into effect by November 20, and for the four-power Foreign Ministers' Council to meet by November 30. Mr. Vyshinsky vetoed the resolution.

Australia's Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Assembly President, and Mr. Trygve Lie, the United Nations Secretary-General, used the Mexican resolution as basis for an appeal to President Truman, Premier Stalin, Mr. Attlee and M. Queuille, French Premier. Mr. Evatt and Mr. Lie asked them to take steps toward ending the Berlin crisis.

The replies were substantially what the delegates had said in the Council.—Associated Press.

NATURAL RUBBER WAS CHEAPER

New York, December 11.

On some days late last month you could buy natural rubber cheaper than synthetic rubber on the New York commodity exchange.

It was for delivery in 1949 and sold for as low as 18.4 US cents a pound, against 18.5 cents for synthetic.

Increased production and reduced consumption are two of the main reasons.

How the world rubber situation will be resolved is uncertain. Consumption by the United States, the world's largest user of natural and synthetic rubber, dropped this year. Wartime shortages and postwar demand have been pretty well filled; current demand is for new automotive tyre production and for some replacement needs.

While in 1947 the United States consumed 1,122,000 tons of rubber, this year, trade sources estimated, consumption will drop to 1,080,000 tons.

Trade sources said slightly increased consumption of rubber in Europe and the Far and Middle East in connection with various economic recovery programmes has not been enough to offset the drop in American consumption.

World production, on the other hand, has continued to expand. The U.S. Department of Commerce reported that in September a record high total was reached with 145,000 tons. This all-time peak figure compares with an average of 131,677 for the three preceeding months.—Associated Press.

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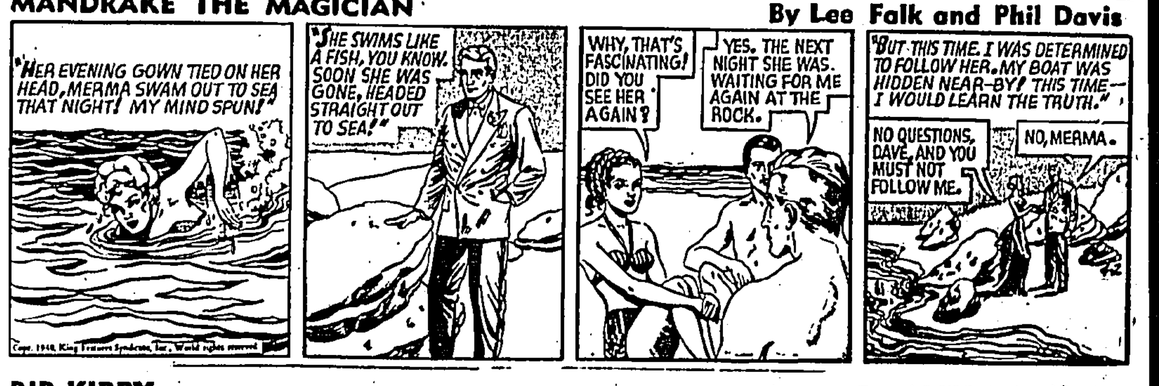

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U.S. REVELATION

Secret Documents Given To Russia

Washington, December 11.

Secret U.S. documents giving intimate behind-the-scenes glimpses of world events 10 years ago were made public tonight by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The documents are alleged to have been stolen from the State Department and passed to Whittaker Chambers, key figure in the House Committee's Red spy investigation, for relay to Moscow.

Twelve documents released by the Committee, part of sixty-five produced by Chambers, range over a wide sequence of history-making events.

They included reports on Britain's battleship plans, Japanese designs in the Orient and Austria's vain efforts to avoid being gobbled up by Hitler.

Among them are typewritten copies of 21 diplomatic messages signed by such pre-war figures in American diplomacy as the former Ambassador to France, William C. Bullitt, the former Ambassador to Poland, Anthony J. Drexel Diddle, Junior.

Several are marked strictly confidential but the Committee said the State Department indicated that with the long passage of time, their publication would no longer be considered dangerous to American security.

Hirota Lost His Temper

But their potential value to other governments at the time they leaked from the State Department is evident from examination.

A long message signed Grew, despatched from Tokyo at noon on February 12, 1938, and marked strictly confidential told the then Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, of Japan's rising temper against the British in China.

Grew told Hull of a stormy conversation between the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Leslie Craigie and the then Japanese Foreign Minister, Koki Hirota, in which he said: "For the first time in our respective dealings with him, Hirota twice lost his temper with Craigie."

Grew's cable continued:—

"The Minister's demeanour tends to confirm reports which have come to both Craigie and myself that Hirota is steadily becoming harder and more intransigent as regards foreign interests in the Far East.

Very Angry

"According to Craigie, the Minister (Hirota) in some instances in their intercourse became very angry, inveighed against the continual British demands for renewed assurances, said that under present war conditions Japan had given all the assurances that can reasonably be expected, and asserted that if warfare (with China) is prolonged Japan may be forced to occupy more territory whether insular or on the mainland."

Grew said the general state of the Craigie-Hirota talks appeared to have gone acrimonious and that Hirota's outbursts showed a marked change in the Minister's usually placed, courteous, and friendly bearing.

Then he added:—

"He Craigie believed that Japanese assurances of 'no territorial designs' are surely to be withdrawn at short notice.

Of Great Value

"These prospects so seriously concern British interest that he contemplates recommending or has already recommended to his Government—that continued support of Chiang Kai-shek whether by furnishing war supplies and funds or otherwise, is fundamental to British interests."

Such information—that a British official contemplated the idea of ending British support to China's Generalissimo—obviously would have been of great value to the Japanese at that time.

Grew continued:—

Craigie's general reaction to this conversation with Hirota is that the longer the warfare is prolonged the greater will be the likelihood of permanent occupation by Japan, not only of the islands but of territory on the mainland.

He believes that Japanese assurances of no territorial designs are likely to be withdrawn at short notice.—Associated Press.

Tyrone Power To Make Film In Ireland?

Hollywood, December 11.

Tyrone Power wants to make his next picture in Ireland.

Now in Italy starring in "Prince of Foxes," Power has asked 20th Century Fox officials to consider him for the Don Byrne novel, "Hangman's House." He would like to film the story in Ireland.

This is part of Power's programme for filming one picture a year in Hollywood and another abroad. After Ireland, he would like to find stories which might be made in France, Denmark and Sweden. — Associated Press.

Recovery In Shanghai Markets

Shanghai, December 12.

Shanghai's stock and commodity markets were extremely active yesterday for the first time in a fortnight with nearly all quotations showing considerable rise.

This firmness was attributed to Vice-Admiral Oscar Badger's announcement on Friday that American Marines would be sent to protect American lives and property in the event of a breakdown of local control.

Cotton yarn, cigarettes, soap, silk, medicines and industrial chemicals all spurted upward in the commodity market while stock and shares trading on the black market saw the pivotal Chinese stock and shares trading on the black market saw the pivotal Chinese stock, Wing On Cotton, shooting up to the GY4,-000 mark.

On Friday it was only GY2,-600.—Reuter.

Canton Rice Tax Collection

Canton, December 12.

Rice merchants in Canton will have to begin paying business tax to the local authorities. The tax is to be at the rate of three per cent of transaction proceeds.

When the order was received the local Rice Merchants' Guild decided that it would not be heeded because exemption efforts were being undertaken on their behalf by the National Food Federation which was negotiating with the Ministry of Finance.

The tax office here has now pointed out that the measure followed a decision by the Finance Ministry itself and that it had been approved by the Legislative Yuan. Therefore any suggestion for a postponement in implementation could not be accepted, and so the tax will be collected with or without the Guild's assent.—Reuter.

POW APOSTATE

London, December 11.

Erich Kunze, an apostate German Christian converted to the Moslem faith, now known as Abbush Shakoor Kunze, sailed from Britain today for Pakistan to train as a missionary at the headquarters of the Ahmadiyya community.

Kunze, a former prisoner of war in Britain, became interested in Islam after a visit to the London Mosque in 1946.—Reuter.

Could Have Averted The China Crisis

New York, December 11.

The former Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Summer Welles, told a nationwide radio audience today that the United States might have averted the present crisis in China.

Mr. Welles spoke at the Institute of International Affairs at Rochester, New York, criticising many aspects of the United States post-war policy.

Regarding Asia, Mr. Welles asked, "Can we point with satisfaction to the results of our policy in China during the past three years?

"Had we, after Japan's defeat, immediately attempted as friendly mediators to bring into existence in China a non-Communist but truly liberal coalition government and had we succeeded in the effort, then devoted ourselves to making certain that assistance rendered to China reached the masses of the Chinese people rather than a thousand members of the official oligarchy, the Nationalist Government today might still possess that popular support on the part of the Chinese people, without which it cannot succeed in its present contest.

"Of what benefit to the Chinese people has our policy of military intervention proved to be? Can we assert that the methods to which we have resorted in China during these past three years have won or checked the rising tide of Communism?

"The danger to our future interests that would result from Communist control of China is very great. But what can we hope to gain by trying through further military intervention to keep in power a government that the Chinese people themselves will not support?"—United Press.

RUSSIAN WARNING ON AIR LIFT

Berlin, December 11.

The Russian Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General G. S. Lukyanchenko, today warned the American Chief of Staff, Brigadier General C. K. Gailey, that American planes flying outside the air corridors to Berlin would be forced down.

General Lukyanchenko's warning, in a note to General Gailey, was a repetition of a similar warning letter which he sent to the American and British authorities on November 10.

The Soviet letters of November 10 cited a number of alleged instances of infringment of flight regulations over the Soviet Zone.

They warned that all aircraft without nationality identification marks flying over the Soviet Zone and all foreign aircraft appearing over the Soviet Zone outside the air corridors' limits would be forced to land at the nearest Soviet airfield.

The British and American authorities, replying to General Lukyanchenko's earlier letter, stated that full responsibility would rest on the Soviet authorities if any harm came to Anglo-American planes or crews as a result.

The British answer added that all British planes were flying along the air corridors with clear making of nationality and that British pilots adhered strictly to the air corridor boundaries.—Reuter.

Secret Talks On Ruhr Future

London, December 11.

The United States Ambassador in London, Mr. Lewis Douglas, disclosed his country's attitude to the French proposals on the Ruhr at a secret session of the Ruhr Conference here today.

This was the first full session to be held for nearly a fortnight and also the first at which Mr. Douglas had headed the American delegation.

An American official spokesman said afterwards that no information would be given to the press. Mr. Douglas was believed to have received fresh instructions from Washington since the Conference last met.

At the Conference's last but one full meeting, the British delegation gave its view that the future military Security Board should be capable of exercising the control powers which France wished the International Authority for the Ruhr to possess.

Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, had already expressed the same point of view in Washington.

The Humphrey Committee, now drawing up a postponement list of German West Zone factories not to be dismantled, also met in London today and will meet again on Monday.

Well-informed sources believed that Britain and France are maintaining objection to the length of its proposed list.—Reuter.

GUERILLA CLAIM

Belgrade, December 11.

The Free Greek Radio reported today that units of General Markos' Greek Army now control the greater part of the Grammos heights near the Albanian border in Western Macedonia and dozens of populated places.—Reuter.

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DANES PLEASED WITH TALKS IN UK

London, December 12.

The Danish Supply Mission returned to Denmark on Friday morning after talks with the British Board of Trade, the Treasury and the Ministry of Food.

It is understood from Danish circles in London that the Danes were very pleased with the outcome of the talks which were to settle certain details within the framework of the agreement reached two months ago.—Associated Press.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

AMERICA EASING RESTRAINTS ON TRADE WITH MARSHAL TITO

Washington, December 12.

The American Government is cautiously easing its restraints on trade with Yugoslavia.

The purpose is to give Marshal Tito some slight help in his struggle to survive against Russian opposition.

Authorities here are extremely reluctant to discuss the situation at all, but it was learned that the U.S. Government through export licence controls is now permitting some few goods to go to Yugoslavia, which formerly Marshal Tito would have been unable to obtain in the United States.

Well-informed authorities say there is no tendency to regard Marshal Tito as pro-capitalist and anti-Communist. Rather, he is regarded here as an anti-capitalist critic of the Western world. But his split with the Kremlin gives him a unique position which it is to the advantage of the Western countries to use in the cold war with Russia.

Marshal Tito split with the Russian-dominated Cominform months ago and has amazed American experts on Communism by surviving so long under constant Cominform attack.

Partial Blockade

Yugoslavia is suffering a partial blockade by Russian bloc countries and is not able to obtain all the materials it needs for survival. For example, according to information reaching here, the Yugoslavs are not getting oil from either Albania or Rumania.

Presumably, if they do obtain oil from Western sources, the deal will be handled indirectly with American or other oil interests in the Mediterranean area.

However, some types of civilian machinery and factory replacement parts, as for example in the textile industry, could be most readily obtained in this country. American officials are not averse to permitting Yugoslavia to get some of these materials while at the same time they are against giving any impression that the United States is on Marshal Tito's side or regards Marshal Tito as a potential friend.

Trade with Yugoslavia has been in small volume for a long time. Commerce Department figures show that the U.S. sent Yugoslavia US$4,500,000 worth of goods in the period March 1 to July 31.

Close Scrutiny

Yugoslavia has been under close scrutiny for the six months since Russia made her futile effort to oust Marshal Tito in favour of a regime which would pay less attention to nationalistic interests and more to the international programme of the Communists.

Some observers feel that the Cominform under-estimated the power of Yugoslav nationalism.

Marshal Tito still expresses loyalty to the idea of Communism but insists that it can exist on a national basis without subservience to the rule of international obedience by which Russia attempts to extend her domain.

There is no indication that the U.S. will take any chance where strategic materials are involved. It is realised that a change in Balkan political winds might make such strategic materials a part of the Russian military potential.—Associated Press.

Seasonal Withdrawal Of Money

London, December 11.

Clearing Banks' reserves were low during the past week as a result of the seasonal withdrawal of currency and London's money market houses experienced some difficulty in obtaining credits.

Extensive calling also helped to create a shortage and some requirements were only met by taking of privilege money. In one or two cases, official assistance on a small scale had to be obtained.

Large lines of Treasury bills were taken up but towards the end of the week, supplies of credits were sufficient to cover requirements and books were balanced with comfort.

Late demand appeared from clearing banks for January and February bills, in which fair business was reported.

The Bank of England return showed £18,200,000 increase in active note circulation. In the corresponding period of last year, the increase was only £40,000,000.

Application for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalled £308,000,000, of which £170,000,000 was alloted at an average rate of ten shillings and 3.83 pence per cent. —Reuter.

Demand For Stocks Improves

New York, December 11.

Although early for the season, year end buying was in evidence on the stock market today and served to bring about a mild extension of yesterday's improvement.

After a quiet and narrowly irregular opening, improved demand developed in most sections and the market moved to gains up to one dollar or more.

The market closed firm at the best level of the day.

Closing list:—Adams Express 18⅝, Alaska Juneau 21½, American Can 82, American Smelting 54¼, American Tel. & Tel. 151¾, American Tobacco 63, American Waterworks 70, Anaconda Copper 33¾, Aviation Corp. 7⅝, Baldwin Locomotive 11¾, Barnsdall 44, Bendix Aviation 34¾, Bethelehem Steel 34¼, Boeing Aircraft 23, Borden Co. 40, Canadian Pacific 13½, J.I. Case 36½, Chrysler 54½, Colgate 34½, Commercial Solvents 17⅝, Corn Products 57⅝, Dupont 172, Eastman Kodak 44, Electric Light & Power 20½, General Electric 39½, General Motors 58⅜, Goodrich 57, Goodyear 41½, Homestake Mining 31⅝, International Harvester 28⅜, International Paper 51½, International Tel. & Tel. 9⅝, Johns Manville 38¼, Kennecott Copper 57, Montgomery Wards 57⅞, National Distillers 17¾, National Lead 31½, New York Central 13¾, Packard Motors 4⅛, Pan-American Airways 9, Pennsylvania RR 17, Radio Corp. 14, Republic Steel 27⅛, Reynolds Tobacco 33⅞, Schenley 30½, Sears Roebuck 38⅞, Shell Oil 40½, Socony Vacuum 17¼, Southern Pacific 50¾, Standard Brands 21⅛, Standard Oil of Cal. 66⅜, Standard Oil of N.J. 73⅞, Studebaker 21⅝, Union Bag 30, Union Carbide 40¾, US Rubber 38¾, US Steel 72⅝, US Lines 12½, Westinghouse 24¾, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 73¾, General Public Utilities 11⅛.—Reuter and Associated Press.

THE UN BUDGET

Paris, December 12.

The United Nations General Assembly completed action on its 1949 budget by approving a gross estimate of $43,487,128.

The vote was 48 to zero with the Russian bloc abstaining in protest against including sums for the Balkans Commission, the Korean Commission and the Little Assembly.—Associated Press.

COMMODITIES AT NEW LOW

New York, December 12.

The Associated Press wholesale price index of 35 important commodities dropped this week to equal the 1948 low set in early November.

In its second successive weekly decline the index went to 178.20 compared with 179.52 a week ago and 206.05 a year ago.

Declines were listed in food, industrial livestock, grains and cotton and textile components.—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

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Hong Kong, Dec. 8, 1948.

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SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LOADING
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†S.S. "BENNEVIS"	Havre, London,	End Dec.
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"FOOCHOW"	Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m.	17th Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok & S'pore?		19th Dec.
"HUNAN"	Inchon Tientsin, Inchon & Pusan	4 p.m.	20th Dec.
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PAA ex-Bangkok: 3.45 p.m.
BOAC ex-Tokyo/Iwakuni/Shanghai: 4.45 p.m.; ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Shanghai: 5 p.m.
AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 11.30 a.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; ex-Rangoon via Kunming: 4.25 p.m.; ex-Shanghai via Amoy, Swatow, Canton: 5.25 p.m.; ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.30 p.m., 6.05 p.m.; ex-Canton: 9.25 a.m., 11.50 a.m., 3.20 p.m., 5.45 p.m.
CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 6.20 p.m.; ex-Kunming via Liuchow, Canton: 8.30 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: 10 a.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Shanghai: 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

CNAC ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; ex-Haihow via Canton: 3 p.m.; ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.30 p.m., 6.05 p.m.; ex-Canton: 9.25 a.m., 11.50 a.m., 3.20 p.m., 5.45 p.m.
CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.
PAA ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 3.45 p.m.
BOAC ex-Southampton, Bangkok: 3 p.m. (one day late); ex-Singapore, Bangkok: 3 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

CNAC for Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Shanghai via Amoy, Foochow: 8 a.m.; Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 7.20 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.40 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai via Canton, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Amoy: 7 a.m.
CPA for Manila: 2.30 p.m.; Singapore via Bangkok: 4 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.45 p.m.
BOAC for Singapore: 8 a.m.
BRAATHENS for Bangkok/Oslo: 8 a.m.; for Shanghai: 6.30 a.m.
AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 12.30 p.m.; for Haiphong, Hanoi: 6.45 a.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC for Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Shanghai via Canton, Foochow: 8 a.m.; Shanghai (direct): 5.25 p.m.; Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 7.20 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.40 p.m.
CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Kunming: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
PAA for Bangkok: 3 p.m.
BOAC for Bangkok, Southampton: 7.45 a.m.
BRAATHENS for Shanghai: 6.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

CNAC for Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Haihow via Canton: 8 a.m.; Amoy via Swatow: 7 a.m., 12.10 p.m.; Canton: 7.20 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.40 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai via Canton, Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Canton: 3.15 p.m.
CPA for Manila: 3.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.; Manila: 11 a.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 4.45 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Honolulu: 1 p.m.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon GPO) 9 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.; (GPO) 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping: Airmail for Kunming and Liuchow: Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipeh, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Foochow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Alexandria (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, Kowloon GPO, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; Hong Kong GPO, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Tsamkong, Haihow and Pakhoi via Haihow, 10 a.m.
Swatow, 11 a.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Manila, 2 p.m.
Saigon and Rangoon, 3 p.m.
Haiphong, 3 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Air Parcels for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, dimples and small packet parts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Straits and Calcutta, 10 a.m.

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

LENEVERETT (Everett) ex-Shanghai 18
CHAK SANG (Jardine) ex-Japan and Keelung 22
HAN YANG (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai: Cust. Whf.
MAIDEN CREEK (R.I.L.) .. Holt's Whf.
HAI YANG (Douglas) ex-Swatow .... Douglas Whf.
BENNEVIS (Bank Line) ex-U.K. via Straits ..... K. Whf.
PRONTO (Jebsham) ex-Saigon .. Y.M.T.
TJIKAMPEK (R.I.L.) ex-Japan. K. Whf.

TODAY

TREVANION (Mac. Mac.) ex-U.K.
NANCHANG (B. & S.) ex-Korea.

TOMORROW

HANG SANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

MAGNOLIA STATE (Gilman) for Manila.
TJITJALENGKA (R.I.L.) for Amoy.
HELIKON (B. & S.) for Saigon.
MAU SANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.

TODAY

LAURA MAERSK (Jebsham) for New York.
WILLIAMETTE VICTORY (Wallem) for U.S.A.
EASTERN (E. & A.) for Australia.
HAI YANG (Douglas) for Swatow.
TIEN SHEN (C.M.S.N.) for Tsam Kong.
MOLENKERK (R.I.L.) for Shanghai and Japan.
HAI HSIA (C.M.S.N.) for Shanghai.
HAI TAI (C.M.S.N.) for Haiphong.

TOMORROW

BORGHOLT (Wallem) for Atlantic Coast.
HAN YANG (B. & S.) for Swatow.
LENEVERETT (Everett) for Manila.

Vessels In Port

ALDEN (Wallem) ..... Y.M.T.
ANAKAN (Grimble) ..... K. Dk.
APPLEDORE (Dodwell) .... Holt's Whf.
BONTEKOE (R.I.O.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
BRIS (Thorresen) ..... Taikoo Dk.
BUSHWOOD (Mac. Mac.) .... K. Dk.
BENNEVIS (Bank Line) ..... K. Whf.
CALTEX (Caltex) ..... Tsun Wan
CHI MEN (Dodwell) ..... Y.M.T.
CHAK SANG (Jardine) H2
EASTERN (Mac. Mac.) ..... K. Whf.
FROSTY—MOLLER—(Mollers) ... K. Dk.
FUKWANG (A.P.C.) ..... Port Oiler.
GRANVILLE (Thoresen) ..... K. Dk.
HAI HSIA (C.M.S.N.) H3
HAI TAI (C.M.S.N.) .....
HAI TAN (Douglas) ..... K. Dk.
HALEAKALA (De La Rama). T.K. Dk
HOEGH BAY (Socony) ..... K. Dk.
HONG SIANG (Ho Hong) A5
HAN YANG (B. & S.) ..... Cust. Whf.
HAI YANG (Douglas) ..... Douglas Whf.
INCHCRAG (Williamson) ..... Y.M.T.
KIANG YONG (Gilman) ..... Ymt.
LOKSANG (Jardine) ..... K. Dk.
LOUIS MOLLER (Mollers) .... K. Dk.
LENEVERETT (Everett) H8
MAIDEN CREEK (R.I.L.) .... Holt's Whf.
MARCHEN MAERSK (Jebsen) K. Whf.
MASBATE (S. China) ..... L.C.K.
NGO WEI (C.M.S.N.) ..... S.S. Po
NORTH STAR (Mollers) ..... Y.M.T.
PAKHOI (B. & S.) H4
POLTAVA (Wallem) ..... Taikoo Dk.
PRONTO (Jebsham) ..... Y.M.T.
SAN EDUARDO (Manners) .... T. Dk.
SHIH MEN (Dodwell) ..... Y.M.T.
STORE NORDISKE (Easter Ext.) H.H.
TJIKAMPEK (R.I.L.) ..... K. Whf.
TOULOUSE (Thoresen) ..... K. Whf.
TSINAN (B. & S.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
TAIKINSHAN (Shun Cheong) ..... Yau
TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
TJIBADAK (R.I.L.) ..... Taikoo Dk.
VAN HEUTSZ (R.I.L.) .... Taikoo Dk.
VIVITA (Thoresen) ..... K. Whf.
YUNAN (B. & S.) H14
YUNG HAO ..... K. Dk.
WHANGPU (B. & S.) ..... L.C.K.
WUCHANG (B. & S.) ..... L.C.K.

VESSELS DUE FROM

AFRICA

	Dec.
TJIKAMPEK (R.I.L.) for S. Africa	17
	Jan.
RUYS (R.I.L.) ex-S. Africa	15
	Mar.
STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) ex-S. Africa	6

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

	Dec.
DONA NATI (Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast	21
FERNHILL (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	18
GREEN BAY VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-New York	27
ISLANDSIDE (D'well) ex-Montreal	Early
RESOLUTE (U.S.L.) ex-Atlantic Ports	22
SILVERBRIAR (R.I.L.) ex-U.S.A.	17
STAGHOUND (U.S.L.) ex-N.Y.	20
TOSCA (Hunt) ex-Atlantic Coast	Late
TREIN MAERSK (Jebsen) ex-New York	25
	Jan.
DONA ANICETA (Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast	22
FERNPLANT (Thoresen) ex-U.S.A.	22
FERNGULF (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	14
RHEXENOR (B. & S.) ex-U.S.A.	2
	Feb.
BELLEVILLE (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Ports	15
MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) ex-U.S.A.	5
STEEL MAKER (Gilman) ex-Atlantic Coast	Mid
TONGHAI (Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast	4
	Mar.
FERNMOOR (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast	2

PACIFIC COAST

	Dec.
FLYING DRAGON (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	30
PARRAMATTA (Wallem) ex-Pacific Coast	16
ROSEVILLE (Bank) ex-Pacific Coast	24
	Jan.
ALMO VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	7
DARTMOUTH VICTORY (A.P.L.) ex-San Francisco	1
LIGHTNING (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	11
PHILIPPINE BEAR (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	21
	Feb.
NEW WORLD VICTORY (U.S.L.) ex-San Francisco	5

AUSTRALIA

	Dec.
PRODUCE (D. & S.) ex-Australia (4th wk.	
SOOCHOW (D. & S.) ex-Australia	26
	Jan.
AEOS (Dodwell) ex-Australia	Mid
HUNTSMAN (Jardine)	19
	Feb.
CITOS (Dodwell) ex-Australia	Early

CHINA

	Dec.
HUNAN (B. & S.) ex-Tientsin	10
RANGOLA (B.I.) ex-Amoy	23
SHENGKING (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai	18
SOUDAN (P. & O.) ex-Shanghai and Japan	18
SZECHUEN (B. & S.) ex-Shanghai	16
TJITJALENGKA (R.I.L.) ex-Amoy	21
TURRBHEAD (Everett) ex-Shanghai	28
WINGSANG (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	19 & 29
	Jan.
PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Shanghai	19
SIRDHANA (B.I.) ex-Shanghai	28
	Feb.
SHIRALA (B.I.) ex-Amoy	9

EUROPE

	Dec.
AENEAS (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	30
AGAPENOR (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	26
ATREUS (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	15
BENARES (Gilman) ex-Europe	16
BENARTY (Loxley) ex-U.K.	16
BENLOMOND (Loxley) ex-U.K.	End
BENVRACKIE (Loxley) ex-U.K.	End
GLENERCHY (Jardine) ex-U.K.	22
GRONLAND (M.M.) ex-Europe	20
TREVANION (P. & O.) ex-U.K.	13
	Jan
BATAAN (Gilman) ex-Europe	Early
BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-U.K.	30
BENVRACKIE (Loxley) ex-U.K.	Mid
BENLOMOND (Loxley) ex-U.K.	Mid
CHAMPOLLION (M.M.) ex-Europe, Beg.	
DILWARA (P. & O.) ex-Southampton	1
GLENEARN (Jardine) ex-U.K.	13
MALACCA (E.A.C.) ex-Europe	Mid
MEERKERK (R.I.L.) ex-Europe	Early
SURAT (P. & O.) ex-London via Straits	2
TANTALAUS (B. & S.) ex-U.K.	Mid
TOMAR (Thoresen) ex-Europe	Mid
TREVEAN (P. & O.) ex-Europe	5
	Feb.
GLENGARRY (Jardine) ex-U.K.	20
MONGOLIA (E.A.C.) ex-Europe	Mid
RAVNAS (Thoresen) ex-Europe	Mid
TREVELYAN (P. & O.) ex-London	Early March
MANCHURIA (E.A. Co.) ex-Europe	Mid

INDIA

	Dec.
TAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Calcutta	16
	Jan.
SHIRALA (B.I.) ex-Calcutta	17
SIRDHANA (B.I.) ex-India and Straits	4

JAPAN

	Dec.
EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) ex-Japan	26
SANGOLA (B.I.) ex-Japan, Amoy	23
SIRDHANA (B.I.) ex-Japan, Shanghai	28
SOUDAN (P. & O.) ex-Japan	18
	Jan.
MANDO (M.M.) ex-Japan	Beg.
NELLORE (Mac. Mac.) ex-Japan,	Early Feb.
SHIRALA (B.I.) ex-Japan	9

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

	Dec.
BRADEVERETT (Everett) ex-Singapore	16
FENGTIEN (B. & S.) ex-Singapore	18
FOOCHOW (B. & S.) ex-Singapore	16
HANGSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	14
LENEVERETT (Everett) ex-Manila	22
NANCHANG (B. & S.) ex-Korea	13
NINGHAI (B. & S.) ex-Samarinda	18
TAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Straits	16
TJIBADANE (R.I.L.) ex-Java Ports	24
VAN RIEMSDUK (R.I.L.) ex-Straits	28
	Jan.
PACIFIC TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Manila	12
HONG KONG TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Manila	21
LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) ex-Manila	15
SHIRALA (B.I.) ex-Straits	17
TASMAN (R.I.L.) ex-Java Ports	7
YUNAN (B. & S.) ex-Bangkok	7

SOUTH AMERICA

	Dec.
TJIKAMPEK (R.I.L.) for S. America	17
	Jan.
RUYS (R.I.L.) ex-S. America	15
	Mar.
STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) ex-S. America	6

SAILINGS TO

AFRICA

Jan.
19 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for S. Africa and S. America.
Feb.
15 RUYS (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.
Mar.
26 STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) for S. Africa.

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

Dec.
13 LAURA MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.
Coast.
13 WILLAMETTE VICTORY (A.P.L.) for U.S.A.
14 BORGHOLT (Wallem) for Atlantic Coast.
15 IVARAN (Wallem) for Atlantic Coast.
16 SILVERBRIAR (R.I.L.) for Atlantic Coast.
18 TALISMAN (Dodwell) for Atlantic Coast.
21 STAGHOUND (U.S.L.) for New York.
19 FERNHILL (Thoresen) for Atlantic Ports.
20 BORGHOLT (Wallem) for Atlantic Coast.
23 DONA NATI (Rama) for Atlantic Coast.
25 ANDREW JACKSON (Wallem) for New York.
28 SANTA CLARA VICTORY (Gilman) for Atlantic Coast.
28 GREENBAY VICTORY (U.S.L.) for Atlantic Coast.
30 GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.

Jan.
8 LA SALLE (Wallem) for New York.
14 BENARES (Rama) for Atlantic Coast.
15 FERNGULF (Thoresen) for Atlantic Coast.
25 DONA ANICETA (Rama) for Atlantic Coast.
28 RYSEA (Wallem) for New York.
30 DARTMOUTH VICTORY (A.P.L.) for New York.

Feb.
4 MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) for U.S.A.
6 STEEL SEAFARER (Gilman) for New York.
28 STEEL FABRICATOR (Gilman) for New York.

PACIFIC COAST

Dec.
16 PARAMATTA (Wallem) for Pacific Coast.
18 TALISMAN (Dodwell) for Pacific Coast.
21 FLYING DRAGON (U.S.L.) for San Francisco.

Jan.
5 GENERAL MEIGS (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
8 ALMO VICTORY (U.S.L.) for Frisco.
9 VITO (Wallem) for Pacific Coast.
12 LIGHTNING (U.S.L.) for Frisco.
15 PRESIDENT WILSON (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
15 PRESIDENT TAFT (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
21 PRESIDENT MADISON (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.
22 PHILIPPINE BEAR (U.S.L.) for Frisco.
30 GENERAL GORDON (A.P.L.) for San Francisco.

Feb.
6 NEW YORK VICTORY (U.S.L.) for Frisco.

AUSTRALIA

Dec.
YUNNAN (B. & S.) for Australia.

Jan.
Early. NELLORE (Mac. Mac.) for Australia.
Early. NELLOR (E. & A.) for Australia.
2 SOOCHOW (B. & S.) for Australia.

CHINA

Dec.
13 HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow.
13 TIEN SHAN (C.M.S.N.) for Tsam Kong.
13 MOLENKERK (R.I.L.) for Shanghai and Japan.
13 HAI HSIA (C.M.S.N.) for Shanghai.
14 HANYANG (B. & S.) for Swatow.
15 HANGSANG (Jardine) for Shanghai.
17 HUPEH (B. & S.) for Inchon.
17 BRITISH PRINCE (Jardine) for Shanghai and Japan.
19 TAKSANG (Jardine) for Shanghai.
18 BRADEVERETT (Everett) for S'hai.
20 HUNAN (B. & S.) for Inchon.
21 SHENGKING (B. & S.) for Shanghai.
21 WINGSANG (Jardine) for Shanghai.

Jan.
Mid. CHAMPOLLION (M.M.) for S'hai.
5 SURAT (P. & O.) for Shanghai.
7 SIRDHANA (B.I.) for Amoy, S'hai.
20 SHIRALA (B.I.) for Amoy and Japan
22 KAFRISTAN (Jardine) for Shanghai and Japan.

EUROPE

Dec.
15 GLENARTNEY (Jardine) for U.K.
20 BENARTY (Loxley) for U.K.
22 KOREA (E.A. Co.) for U.K.
29 MOLENKIRK (R.I.L.) for U.K.
29 SARPEDON (B. & S.) for U.K.
29 SOUDAN (P. & O.) for London.
21 GRONLAND (M.M.) for Marseilles.
21 GLENARTNEY (Jardine) for U.K.
29 GLENROY (B. & S.) for Europe.
End. BENNEVIS (Loxley) for U.K.
End. GLENOGLE (Jardine) for U.K.

Jan.
Beg. MANDO (M.M.) for Europe.
End. CHAMPOLLION (M.M.) for Marseilles.
1st wk. AGAPENOR (B. & S.) for U.K.
6 DILWARA (P. & O.) for Southampton
12 TREVANION (P. & O.) for London.
Mid. BENVRACKIE (Loxley) for U.K.
Mid. MEERKERK (R.I.L.) for Europe.
Mid. GLENORCHY (Jardine) for U.K.
16 OLUF MAERSK (Gilman) for Europe
26 SURAT (P. & O.) for London.
End. BENLOMOND (Loxley) for U.K.
End. MALACCA (E.A.C.) for Europe.

Feb.
4 TONGHAI (Gilman) for Europe.
End. MONGOLIA (E.A. Co.) for Europe.

INDIA

Dec.
29 SANGOLA (B.I.) for Calcutta, Bombay and Madrass.

JAPAN

Dec.
13 MOLENKERK (R.I.L.) for Japan.
Mid. BENNEVIS (Ben) for Japan.
16 TREVANION (P. & O.) for Japan.
17 FOOCHOW (B. & S.) for Kobe.

Jan.
6 SURAT (P. & O.) for Japan.
7 SIRDHANA (B.I.) for Japan.
20 SHIRALA (B.I.) for Japan.

SOUTH-EAST PORTS

Dec.
13 HAI TAI (C.M.S.N.) for Haiphong.
15 CHAKSANG (Jardine) for Straits and Calcutta.
14 LENEVERETT (Everett) for Manila.
15 GLENARTNEY (Jardine) for Straits
16 NANCHANG (B. & S.) for Singapore.
19 SZECHUEN (B. & S.) for Singapore.
20 POYANG (B. & S.) for Bangkok.
20 SOUDAN (P. & O.) for Straits.
23 RESOLUTE (U.S.L.) for Manila.
23 FENGTIEN (B. & S.) for Batavia.
23 TJITJALENGKA (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
23 TJITJALENGKA (R.I.L.) for Singapore.
24 LENEVERETT (Everett) for S'gapore
27 SANGOLA (B.I.) for Straits and Calcutta.
29 MOLENKIRK (R.I.L.) for Straits.
30 EASTERN SAGA (Jardine) for Straits.
30 TURRBHEAD (Everett) for Manila.
End. GLENOGLE (Jardine) for Straits.

Jan.
5 TJIBADANE (R.I.L.) for Macassar.
6 VAN RIEMSDUK (R.I.L.) for Straits.
12 TREVANION (P. & O.) for Straits.
Mid. MEERKERK (R.I.L.) for Manila and Straits.
21 TASMAN (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
26 SURAT (P. & O.) for Straits and Colombo.
26 SIRDHANA (B.I.) for Straits.

Feb.
2 TJIBADAK (R.I.L.) for Java Ports.
13 SHIRALA (B.I.) for Straits.

SOUTH AMERICA

Dec.
16 TJIKAMPEK (R.I.L.) for S. America

Jan.
19 TEGELBERG (R.I.L.) for S. America.

Feb.
15 RUYS (R.I.L.) for S. America.

Mar.
26 STRAAT MALAKKA (R.I.L.) for S. America.

ROUND THE WORLD

Dec.
13 WILLIAMETTE VICTORY (A.P.L.)

Jan.
9 PRESIDENT JEFFERSON (A.P.L.).
30 MARINE SNAPPER (A.P.L.).

Canada And Newfoundland

Ottawa, December 11.

Canada takes over Newfoundland's sterling debt and annual subsidies by the terms of their confederation signed here today.

The terms, after being approved by the Canadian Parliament, the Newfoundland Commission and Government and confirmed by the United Kingdom Parliament, will come into force on March 31 next year.

Newfoundland, including the coast of Labrador, will be represented by six members in the Canadian Senate and seven in the Commons.

The Canadian and Newfoundland representatives signed the terms in the scarlet and gold setting of the Canadian Senate Chamber.

They used the same ink-stand as was used in 1867, when the confederation agreement creating a United Canada was signed.—Reuter.

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* S.S. "CHAKSANG" to Straits & Calcutta		15th Dec.
S.S. "HANGSANG" .....to Shanghai		16th Dec.
S.S. "TAKSANG" .....to Shanghai & Japan Ports		19th Dec.
S.S. "WINGSANG" ....to Keelung & Shanghai		21st Dec.
* m.v. "EASTERN SAGA" to Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta		30th Dec.

ARRIVALS

S.S. "CHAKSANG" from Yokohama, Kobe & Keelung	12th Dec.
S.S. "HANGSANG" .....from Sandakan	14th Dec.
S.S. "TAKSANG" ...from Calcutta, Straits & Saigon	16th Dec.
S.S. "WINGSANG" ....from Shanghai & Keelung	19th Dec.
* m.v. "EASTERN SAGA" from Japan ports	26th Dec.
S.S. "WINGSANG" ....from Shanghai & Keelung	29th Dec.

* Accepts cargo for Chittagong via Calcutta on through Bills of Lading.

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AUSTRALIA CHINA LINE LTD.

M.V. "KAFIRISTAN" ..... Due about 19th January from Australian Ports via Saigon.
Sails about 22nd Jan. for Japan, Tsingtao and Shanghai.
Loads mid February for Manila, Rabaul, Lae, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.
Through Bills of Lading issued for cargo to New Zealand and Fiji Islands Ports.

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SAILINGS TO U.K. AND CONTINENT VIA SUEZ:

M.V. "GLENARTNEY"	Loads 19th Dec. Sails 21st Dec.
M.V. "GLENOGLE"	Loads end December.
M.V. "GLENORCHY"	Loads mid January.

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ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS:

M.V. "GLENORCHY"	Sailed London 14th November, due about 22nd December.
M.V. "GLENEARN"	Sailed London 6th December, due about 13th January.
M.V. "BRECONSHIRE"	Sails London 23rd December, due about 30th January.
M.V. "GLENGARRY"	Sails London 14th January, due about 20th February.

All above sailings and arrivals are subject to alteration without notice.

All intending Passengers are requested to register their names as far as possible in advance of the time at which they wish to leave.

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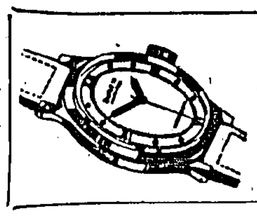

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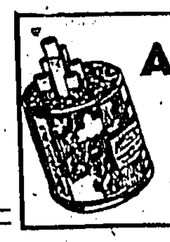

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HKFA XI CAUSE UPSET, DEFEAT CHINESE 6-1

(By "ROVER")

Before a capacity crowd at Boundary Street yesterday, the HKFA XI caused the biggest upset in representative soccer this season when they trounced a strong CAAF XI by six goals to one in the first game of the Governor's Cup Competition.

This victory of the Hong Kong Football Association players was all the more meritorious in that they were pitted against the cream of Chinese soccer talent, 10 of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation players having represented China at the recent World Olympiad in London.

In addition to being the biggest upset of the season, the defeat of the Chinese must also rank as the heaviest defeat to have been suffered by them in a representative game for many years.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, was present at the match and was introduced to the players and officials before the kick-off.

The game, which was fought at a sizzling pace from the start, gradually deteriorated in the second half and certain players were inclined to resort to doubtful tactics quite openly as a result of the weak handling of the game by the referee.

The victory of the Association team was in the main due to their brilliant team work—every man giving of his best.

Cordell played a great game in goal and brought off a number of spectacular saves and by his daring tackles, prevented the Chinese forwards from scoring.

Craighead and Rocha, the two full backs, gave an unexpectedly fine performance, their first time tackling and quick disposal of the ball completely upsetting the Chinese forwards.

Leonard Strong

Leonard, who played in the centre half berth, gave an outstanding performance and showed that he has the heart of a lion. His fine positional play and robust methods did much to demoralise the Chinese attackers, who found that Leonard always knew the answers.

On his flanks, Leonard was ably supported by Weatherall and Santos. Weatherall played his usual fine spoiling game and apart from being where play was always thickest, rendered yeoman service in keeping his own forwards on the move with well placed passes. Santos also worked hard and although not so spectacular in his general play, did catch the eye with a number of neat movements.

As leader of the attack, Higgs showed himself to be a fine opportunist, who was never afraid to take a long shot at goal when the chance presented itself. He was tireless throughout and led his line in magnificent style.

Kiernan and Mullen were a lively pair and their thrustful methods proved to be a thorn in the side of the Chinese defence throughout. Kiernan was particularly dangerous when it came to shooting and whenever he was in possession, Yu paid him the greatest respect.

Of the two wingers, Xavier was the more prominent, his elusiveness and speed repeatedly catching the Chinese defence on the wrong foot. Gillam also showed up well and made the most of the opportunities which came his way.

Chinese Goalie Impresses

For the Chinese Yu Yiu-tak played a sterling game between the sticks. He had no chance with any of the shots which went past him.

The Chinese started off promisingly and it seemed as if they were going to have an easy victory.

Chu Wing-keung missed a good chance of giving his side the lead when, after cleverly eluding the opposing defence, he shot wide as Cordell left his charge in an attempt to intercept the ball.

A free kick was awarded to the Chinese near the half way line and Hau Yung-sang, who took the kick, sent in a high dropping shot which completely deceived Cordell and entered the net just near the top left hand corner, thus giving the Chinese the lead in the 25th minute of the game.

This success of the Chinese was short-lived, however, as in less than a minute the Association team had equalised, Kiernan rounding off a neat bout of passing from the kick-off by sending in a crashing shot which struck the crossbar and then rebounded into the net.

Play continued at a fast pace and Higgs had hard luck with a powerful drive which Yu just managed to save.

Maintaining pressure, the Association went ahead when Xavier, connecting a centre by Gillam, netted with a lightning-like shot which gave Yu no chance whatever.

This success served to inspire the Association players to greater effort and Yu was called upon to deal with difficult shots from all angles. He distinguished himself in particular by saving two pile-drivers from Higgs, whose long distance efforts were causing the Chinese much anxiety.

Half time came with the Association leading by two goals to one.

On resumption, the Chinese changed their forward line, Chang Kam-hoi dropping back to the right half berth and Chau Man-chi taking his place in the forward line.

From the kick-off, the Association took the initiative and Kiernan came near with a glorious drive which struck the upright with Yu beaten.

The Chinese tried desperately to obtain the equaliser, but they were unable to break through the stonewall defence of the opposition.

Brilliant Shot

Following a bout of passing in front of the Chinese goalmouth, the ball was cleared by the defence, but Santos, who was standing about 30 yards out, gained possession and sent in a brilliant snap shot which entered the net before Yu knew what was happening.

Stung by this further reverse, the Chinese retaliated strongly and Ho Ying-fun almost succeeded in reducing the lead when he sent in a terrific drive which struck the underneath portion of the crossbar and dropped to the ground. Cordell dived in brilliant fashion and grasped the ball before it could roll over the goal-line.

The Chinese were doing most of the attacking at this stage and Cordell was again to the fore as he brought off a magnificent save from a shot by Chu Wing-keung.

As the Chinese attacks gradually petered out, the Association forwards came into their own again and almost went further ahead when, following a melee in front of the goal-mouth, the ball almost went over the goal-line with Yu on the ground. Tse Kam-hung saved the situation, however, by rushing up and kicking clear.

Returning to the attack, the Association were awarded a penalty and Higgs, who took the spot kick, made no mistake with a hard drive to the corner of the net.

This goal served to knock all the fight out of the Chinese, who were by now a demoralised team. The Association players completely dominated the exchanges and were practically having matters their own way.

The Chinese broke through on one or two occasions, but they were by far too slow for the Association defenders. Ho Ying-fun came into the picture with a neat movement, but his parting shot was well held by Cordell.

As the game drew to a close, tempers became frayed and spectators began to lose interest. Before time, further goals were added by Xavier (1) and Gillman (1), the last goal being a real gem.

HKFA: Cordell (Army), Rocha (St. Joseph's), Craighead (Army), Weatherall (Army), Leonard (St. Joseph's), Santos (St. Joseph's), Xavier (St. Joseph's), Mullen (Club), Higgs (Navy), Kiernan (Club) and Gillam (Navy).

CAAF: Yu Yiu-tak (SCAA), Hau Yung-sang (SCAA), Tse Kam-hung (SCAA), Chau Man-chi (KMB), Soong Ling-sing (SCAA), Lau Chung-sang (SCAA), Ho Yin-fun (SCAA), Chang Kam-hoi (SCAA), Chu Wing-keung (SCAA), Lai Shiu-wing (SCAA) and Lee Tai-fai (KMB).

Press 4—Referees 1

In a friendly soccer game which was played as a curtain raiser to the Governor's Cup match yesterday, Combined Press beat Referees by four goals to one.

The game was played at a fairly fast pace throughout with the Combined Press showing more speed on the ball.

Combined Press took the lead through Tso Chau-ting, but shortly before half time, Riberio equalised for the Referees.

In the second half, Combined Press completely over-ran the Referees and took the lead through Lai Yiu-keung.

Before time, Lau Chi-ping scored two further goals for Combined Press to put the issue beyond doubt.

Ted Ditchburn, Spurs and England goalkeeper, takes the ball off the head of Switzerland's inside right, Lauro Amoado, during the International soccer match at Highbury, London, on December 2. The final score was England 6, Switzerland 0. AP Photo.

Inter-School Athletic Meet Concluded

The inter-school athletic meet sponsored by the South China Athletic Association was concluded yesterday at Caroline Hill when Mrs. Kwok Chan distributed the prizes to the successful contestants in both the girls' and boys' events before a big crowd of students.

St. Joseph's College carried off the Senior championship with a total of 45 points, closely followed by another Brothers'—College, La Salle, who finished second, three points behind the winners.

The Heung Tao School won the Girls Championship with 38 points while in the Middle Division for Boys Pui Ching carried off honours with 27 points and for the Girls, Tak Ming came first with 31 points.

In the Junior Division Pui Ching was first with 23 points.

In the 100-metre open to the Colony, Pao King-yin won after a close finish, with Ng Yuen-fook and M. Xavier following in that order.

400-metre relay and medley-relay-race was won by both the South China teams with St. Joseph's College coming in second on both occasions.

The results of the finals yesterday were as follow:

Senior Girls

High Jump: 1, Chui Shiu-mui (Ling Ying); 2, Cheng Kwok-lin (Ling Ying); 3, Pang Wing-kui (Heung Tao). Height: 1.23 metres.

60 Metres: 1, Mui Shun-ngan (Heung Tao); 2, Chan Shiu-mui (Ling Ying); Wei Pak-yu (Sung Lan). Time: 8.0 secs.

100 Metres: 1, Mui Shun-ngan (Heung Tao); 2, Szeto Siu-ling (Ling Ying); 3, Hon Lai-yue (Sung Tao). Time: 14.3 secs.

200 Metres: 1, Mui Shun-ngan (Heung Tao); 2, Ho Yao-mui (Ling Ying); 3, Lui Sau-yung (Heung Tao). Time: 28.4 secs.

80 Metres Low Hurdles: 1, Cheng Kwok-lin (Ling Ying); 2, Chan Mei-chun (Tak Ming); 3, Tsang Mui-bing (Tak Ming). Time: 16.6 secs.

Long Jump: 1, Mui Shun-ngan (Heung Tao), 2, Kwok Wai-leung (Ling Ying); 3, Liu Kai-mui (Chi Hang). Distance: 4.73 metres.

Senior Boys

Pole Vault: 1, Chan Fai (Kin Tak); 2, Wu Ping-kwan (Pui Kiu); 3, Wong Tsun-man (Wah Yan). Height: 2.75 metres.

100 Metres: 1, Chan On-lai (Far East); 2, Go Po-keung (La Salle), 3, Kong Mun-yuen (Far East). Time: 11.9 secs.

800 Metres: 1, J. Silva (SJC); 2, Tiu Kau-kin (SJC); 3, Leung Hin-keun (Ling Ying). Time: 2 mins. 15 secs.

400 Metres Middle Hurdles: 1, Kwong Moon-yue (Far East; 2, Lee Kam-sing (Chi Hang); 3, Ip Ka-wai (Heung Tao). Time: 64.8 secs.

200 Metres: 1, Lam Hak-kung (Tak Ming); 2, Lee Chik-sin (La Salle); 3, A.K. Ismail (SJC). Time: 25.1 secs.

110 Metres High Hurdles: 1, Kwong Moon-yue (Far East); 2, Chan Wai-lam (Pui Ching); 3, Lau—Cho-chung—(Chung Hwa). Time: 19.4 secs.

400 Metres: 1, Braga (La Salle) 2, Chow Wo-on (Tung Chi); 3, Ho Hit-po (SJC). Time: 57.2 secs.

400 Metres Relay (4 x 100). 1, La Salle; 2, Wah Yan; 3, St. Joseph's.

Middle Boys

400 Metres: 1, Leung Hin-bing (Pui Ching); 2, Kan Kai-tai (Tung Chi); 3, Fung Kut-li (Kin Tak). Time: 58.1 secs.

80 Metres Low Hurdles: 1, Tsang Yau (Kim Sin); 2, Chu Kan-wing (Kim Sin); 3, Yip Kam-chuen (Wah Yan). Time: 12.3 secs.

100 Metres: 1, Leung Hin-bing (Pui Ching); 2, Wan Sun-lun (Chi Hang); 3, Kan Kai-tai (Tung Chi). Time: 12 secs.

1,600 Metres Relay (4 x 400): 1, Ling Ying; 2, St. Joseph's; 3, Pui Ching. Time: 4 mins. 9.5 secs.

400 Metres Relay (4 x 100): 1, La Salle; 2, Pui Ching; 3, Ling Ying. Time: 51.2 secs.

Junior Girls

60 Metres: 1, Kwok King-hung (Tak Ming); 2, Au Chi-haan (Tak Ming); 3, Kan Wai-hang (Piu Kiu). Time: 8.9 secs.

100 Metres: 1, Kwok King-hung (Tak Ming); 2, Au Chi-haan (Tak Ming); 3, Chan Fung-ching (Ling Ying). Time: 14.5 secs.

400 Metres (4 x 100): 1, Tak Ming; 2, Ling Ying; 3, Pui Ching. Time: 62 secs.

Junior Boys

100 Metres: 1, S.D. Bux (SJC); Leung Yuk-sun (Pui Ching); 3, Chan Cheuk-wah (Kim Sin). Time: 13.3 secs.

80 Metres: 1, Lee Cheung-tak (Kim Sin); 2, S.D. Bux (SJC); 3, Ling Yu-sum (Pui Ching). Time: 8.3 secs.

400 Metres Relay (4 x 100): 1, Pui Ching; 2, St. Joseph's; 3, Tak Ming. Time: 55 secs.

Events Open To The Colony

100 Metres: 1, Pow King-yin, 2, Ng Yuen-fook; 3, Xavier. Time: 11.6 secs.

400 Metres Relay (4 x 100): 1, South China; 2, St. Joseph's; 3, Hak Long. Time: 47.6 secs.

Medley Relay (100, 200, 400 & 800): 1, South China, 2, St. Joseph's "A"; 3, St. Joseph's "B". Time: 3 mins. 53 secs.

Champions Schools

Senior Division: Boys': St. Joseph's 45 points, runners-up: La Salle 42 points. Girls': Heung Tao 38 points, runners-up: Ling Ying 36 points.

Middle Division: Boys': Pui Ching 27 points, runners-up, Ling Ying 20 points. Girls': Tak Ming 31 points runners-up, Ling Ying 17 points.

Junior Division: Boys': Pui Ching 23 points, runners-up, Kim Sin 17 points.

Local Shuttlers Are Getting Into Stride

(By "ARGONAUT")

The third week's games of the Hong Kong Badminton League season saw most of our local shuttlers getting into their stride.

Although still far from their best, they are beginning to warm up for the more interesting and thrilling encounters that will no doubt be seen after the Christmas season.

A total of eight matches were played, some of the keenest of which were in the Junior events, resulting in many changes in the League positions.

Only the Y Juniors manged to maintain their place at the head of Section II with another fine win over Kowloon Tong "B" by eight games to one.

They have been showing very consistent form and with their well-balanced team will be hard to displace from their lofty perch.

The position for second place in this section will be evenly contested. I had thought Recreio would be able to make the grade, but their defeat of 2-7 by Kowloon Tong "B" last week makes me feel less optimistic now of their surviving for the semi-finals.

More interesting still will be the games in Section I of this Division. Kowloon Tong "A" snatches the lead this week from St. Teresa's "A" who went down rather badly to the former by 3-6.

Although University, with only one game played so far, are the favourites in this section, they will have to show their best form against such keen competition to eventually enter the final rounds.

Match Of Week

The match of the week was the Junior Mixed Doubles tussle between Recreio and St. Teresa's "A". The keenness of the Church boys and girls was rewarded at last with a splendid win over the Portuguese Club, and with this victory most likely also the Championship honours in this Division.

It was a close game, in which the score stood at four games all when the last game was played.

Jock Brown played a grand game for his side and, ably supported by Mrs. M. Soares, won quite easily the deciding point.

The return encounter between these two teams will be another exciting one.

Only one game in the Senior Division was played. The Chinese Y secured another two points at the expense of Recreio, by winning 8-1. I had expected Recreio to get at least three games from the Y's third pair, but lack of sufficient practice was evident in the way they missed some easy kills.

Partnering Wong Yan and adopting a Mixed Doubles combination, Foo showed remarkable court-coverage and retrieving powers, and was largely responsible for the score.

This Week's Games

This week there will be no Senior Division games, all of which will be resumed after Christmas.

Junior Division games:—

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

MEN'S DOUBLES "B" DIVISION

Section I

Kowloon Tong "A" v. St. John's "A"
Kowloon Dock v. St. Teresa's "A"

Section II

VRC "B" v. Kowloon Tong "B"
St. John's "B" v. Recreio
RAF v. Chinese YMCA
St. Teresa's "B" v. Chung Wah

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES

KCC v. Recreio
St. Teresa's "A" v. St. Peter's "B"

Tennis Results

Results of yesterday's tennis games at the Ladies' Recreation Club:

Semi-finals of Men's Handicap Doubles:—J.B. Hawthorn and J. Mackie beat C.W.L. Way and F. Alexander, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

Semi-final of Inter-Hong Men's Doubles:—C.W.L. Way and L.F. Stokes (Manufacturers Life) beat A.T. Dow and W.A. Reed (Gibb Livingston) 6-3, 6-3.

Final of Handicap Mixed Doubles:—J.B. Hawthorn and Mrs. Strandalott beat K. Standaloft and Mrs. Litton, 7-5, 6-2.

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Only One Non-League Club Definitely In 3rd Round

London, December 11.

Yeovil, the West Country team, and the London Amateur side, Walthamstow Avenue, took the honours among the little clubs in the second round of the Football Association Cup today.

Yeovil are the only non-League club definitely in the third round of the Cup, which brings in the First and Second Division teams, and Walthamstow, also a non-League side, drew today and still have a chance of figuring in this big round.

In most of the ties today players battled on in wind and rain. Six matches went to extra time. Because of bad light, the referee decided against further play after 90 minutes in the Bradford City and New Brighton game, but the other five continued and finished in semi-darkness, with the street lights burning outside the grounds.

In the League, Stoke City provided a big surprise by soundly beating Derby County. Derby scored first through Douglas Taft, their 21-year-old reserve centre forward, who was making his League debut, but Stoke proved themselves the better side.

Derby now lead the First Division by only a single point, with Newcastle, victors over Sheffield United, hard on their heels. Third and fourth are Portsmouth and Manchester United, who shared four goals in a display of grand football on the former's ground.

Hat Trick

In the Second Division, West Bromwich maintained their lead of two points over Tottenham and Southampton, but they had a shock before winning against Grimsby, who took the lead first although they lost their inside forward, McGowan, with a broken ankle.

West Bromwich overwhelmed them later in game, however, Williams performing the hat trick.

Tottenham easily beat Plymouth Argyle who had not been defeated in their last seven matches.

Attendances at League, Cup and friendly matches were just under 950,000.

In the Scottish matches Rangers gained another convincing win over Morton, and now bid strongly to regain the League championship they lost to Hibernian last year.

Brilliant Rangers

Hibernian had to be content with a draw at Falkirk, who were without their winger, Dawson, for most of the game.

Rangers played brilliantly after conceding an early goal to Morton, and scored three times before the interval. A fourth goal in the second half settled the issue.

Hearts repeated their Cup win over East Fife, and now appear to have got over their bad patch.

One of the best performances of the day was by Dundee, whose two goal victory at Motherwell keeps them well in the championship race.—Reuter.

Dodwell Cricketers Beat B & S By 25 Runs

In a friendly Inter-Hong cricket match at Chater Road yesterday, Dodwell & Co., Ltd. beat Butterfield & Swire by 25 runs.

Going in first, Dodwell's collected 132 runs, Arthy being top-scorer with a brilliant 56. Tindall also contributed a useful 23.

The most successful bowler for Butterfield & Swire was Fox, who captured two wickets for 16 runs. Whipps also did well, dismissing two batsmen for 22 runs.

In their venture at the wicket, Butterfield & Swire could only score 107, Whipps following up his fine bowling performance by knocking up 33 runs, the highest individual score recorded by his side.

Franklin returned the best bowling figures for Dodwell's, taking two wickets for 10 runs.

Dodwell and Company Limited

Simpson lbw Kew		5
Knight c and b Adams		0
Arthy st. McCaig b Whipps		56
Franklin c McCaig b Kew		1
Tindall b Whipps		23
Cook b Whipps		5
A. P. Pereira b Adams		18
Mundy c McCaig b Kew		10
MacKay b Fox		7
Champ not out		2
Collins b Fox		0
Extras		5
Total		132

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Adams	10	1	40	2
Kew	9	1	49	3
Fox	5.6	1	16	2
Whipps	4	—	22	3

Butterfield and Swire

Adams b Pereira	7
Gibbons b Arthy	19
McCaig b Arthy	16
Whipps c Franklin b Arthy	33
Eccles lbw Arthy	0
Fox b Pereira	20
Kew b Pereira	5
Headlam c Simpson b Pereira	0
Gauntlett lbw Franklin	0
Orchard b Franklin	0
Grey not out	2
Extras	5
Total	107

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pereira	17	2	46	4
Arthy	10.6	0	37	4
Franklin	6	—	19	2

RAF Beat Army In Cricket Tilt

In a Second Division cricket match played at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Air Force beat Army by five wickets.

ARMY	
Estcourt, c Priestley, b Follett	0
Miller, b Follett	12
Short, b Follett	0
Wood, b Follett	0
Barrett, b Sawyer	14
Brigstocke, b Follett	2
Morgan, c Priestley, b Sawyer	0
Jones, c Clarke, b Sawyer	0
Phillips, not out	42
Green, b Sawyer	0
Balderson, b Sawyer	8
Extras	6
Total	86

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sawyer	16.2	5	24	5
Follett	10	1	23	5
Wheat	5	0	31	0

RAF	
Wilson, b Phillips	7
Clarke, retired	32
Collins, b Miller	0
Overland, b Short	17
Sawyer, c Jones, b Short	0
Follett, run out	6
McLeod, not out	30
Cook, not out	4
Extras	2
Total for 6 wickets	98

Priestley, Wildman and Wheat did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Miller	10	1	26	1
Phillips	7	1	17	1
Short	9	1	25	2
Jones	4	2	8	0
Green	2	0	11	0
Brigstocke	1	0	8	0
Balderson	1	0	1	0

REFEREES' MEETING

The Fortnightly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees Association which was postponed on account of the Combined Services Exercises, will be held at the HKFA offices, 5 Ice House Street, 2nd floor, at 8.30 p.m.

All Football Referees, members and others interested are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA—

1. To read and confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the HKFRA.
2. To fix date for the Annual Dinner.
3. To discuss the Laws of the Game. (Knotty Problem).
4. Any other business.

COLONY'S FIVE BEAT YANKS

The basketball game yesterday between USS Tarawa's star-studded quintet and the Colony Champions, South China Athletic Association, resulted in a victory for the Chinese by 33 points to 20.

The game was played on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier and a "China Mail" photographer who was on hand to take "shots" of the game was required to submit his films for developing on board. He was allowed to leave with them after they had been passed by the Security Officer.

KIT CHEE BEAT VISITORS

The Singapore Table Tennis team played their first game in the Colony last night, when they met The Kit Chee Association at the Chinese YMCA Gymnasium Bridge's Street.

A total of 11 games were played the result being a victory for Kit Chee, who won by 4 to 1.

Results of yesterday's Hockey Association Fixtures:

HK Police 2, RAF 1; Civil Service 2, Cable and Wireless 5; Dutch Hockey Club 0, Army 2; Dockyard, RC 1, Khalsa 5; Club de Recreio 7, YMCA 0.

In a friendly cricket match at Happy Valley yesterday, C. & P.O's of Tamar beat Stonecutters C.C. by 23 runs.

Batting first, C. & P.O's knocked up 100, two of their batsmen retiring not out.

In reply, Stonecutters could only muster 77 runs.

Home Soccer Standings

First Division

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Pts.
Derby Co.	21	12	6	3	35	22	30
Newcastle	21	11	7	3	43	29	29
Portsmouth	21	10	8	3	35	17	28
Manchester U.	21	9	7	5	44	25	25
Stoke City	21	10	5	6	38	29	25
Arsenal	21	9	6	6	33	21	24
Charlton	21	7	9	5	37	36	23
Manchester C.	21	8	7	6	32	33	23
Wolves	21	8	6	7	42	33	22
Sunderland	21	7	8	6	20	20	22
Bolton	21	9	4	8	33	36	22
Birmingham	21	7	7	7	24	19	21
Blackpool	21	7	7	7	30	29	21
Liverpool	21	6	8	7	23	24	20
Burnley	21	8	4	9	24	27	20
Chelsea	21	6	7	8	33	36	19
Middlesboro	21	6	4	11	26	29	16
Everton	21	7	2	11	17	43	16
Aston Villa	21	6	3	12	35	47	15
Sheffield U.	21	6	3	12	29	43	15
Preston	21	5	4	12	35	44	14
Huddersfield	21	4	6	11	24	44	14

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Pts.
West Brom.	21	12	5	4	37	18	29
Tottenham	21	10	7	4	39	18	27
Southampton	21	11	5	5	42	20	27
Bury	20	10	4	6	34	27	24
Fulham	20	9	5	6	28	22	23
Sheffield W.	21	9	5	7	31	28	23
Blackburn	20	9	4	7	31	30	22
Bradford	21	9	4	8	43	37	22
West Ham	20	7	7	6	26	21	21
Brentford	20	7	5	8	28	28	21
Cardiff	20	7	7	8	25	26	21
Luton	21	7	7	7	26	31	21
Chesterfield	21	6	8	7	28	30	20
Q.P.R.	21	8	4	9	28	33	20
Barnsley	21	6	7	8	33	34	19
Plymouth	21	7	5	9	28	29	19
Leeds	21	5	8	8	23	30	18
Leicester	21	5	8	8	25	37	18
Notts For.	20	5	6	9	30	37	16
Grimsby	20	5	5	10	22	34	15
Coventry	21	6	3	12	31	37	15
Lincoln	21	2	7	12	27	51	11

Third Division (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Pts.
Rotherham	19	16	1	2	68	22	33
Hull	19	13	4	1	42	20	30
Doncaster	20	10	5	5	37	20	27
Darlington	19	12	0	7	36	30	24
York	18	9	3	6	42	26	21
Carlisle	19	8	4	7	31	33	20
Crewe	19	8	4	7	27	26	20
Stockport	20	8	4	8	26	28	20
Rochdale	18	8	2	7	30	28	18
Gateshead	19	6	7	6	31	28	19
Tranmere	19	7	5	7	23	30	19
Mansfield	19	6	6	7	27	28	18
Barrow	18	6	5	7	16	17	17
Wrexham	19	6	5	8	28	35	17
Oldham	18	7	2	9	21	25	16
Chester	19	6	4	9	26	33	16
Hartlepools	20	6	4	10	24	32	16
Halifax	18	6	3	9	22	31	15
Southport	18	4	5	9	19	27	13
New Brighton	19	5	3	11	15	29	13
Accrington	20	3	5	10	22	35	11
Bradford (C.)	18	1	6	11	11	28	8

Third Division (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Pts.
Swansea	19	15	4	2	45	10	30
Bournemouth	21	12	4	5	31	23	28
Brighton	19	9	7	3	25	20	25
Swindon	21	10	4	7	33	25	24
Millwall	21	8	7	6	29	25	23
Bristol R.	20	10	2	8	30	29	22
Reading	18	9	2	7	24	29	20
Ipswich	18	8	4	6	29	27	20
Norwich	19	8	4	7	31	33	20
Orient	19	6	7	6	33	33	19
Torquay	19	7	5	7	26	35	19
Notts Co.	20	8	3	9	34	37	19
Bristol C.	18	7	4	7	31	32	18
Exeter	19	7	4	8	29	40	18
Walsall	18	7	3	8	25	37	17
Port Vale	18	6	4	8	22	31	16
Southend	18	4	8	6	15	18	16
Headlam c Simpson b Pereira	0
Gauntlett lbw Franklin	0
Orchard b Franklin	0
Grey not out	2
Extras	5

Scottish League Div. "A"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Pts.
Hibernian	14	8	3	3	29	19	19
Rangers	12	7	3	2	23	16	17
Dundee	11	7	2	2	24	18	16
East Fife	13	8	0	5	28	20	16
St. Mirren	13	7	2	4	22	16	16
Falkirk	13	6	3	4	27	26	15
Motherwell	14	6	3	5	24	18	15
Queen of S.	14	6	3	5	21	23	15
Celtic	14	6	2	6	28	20	14
Morton	13	4	3	6	20	27	11
Third Lanark	14	5	1	8	28	30	11
Hearts	14	4	3	7	25	29	11
Partick	14	4	3	7	22	33	11
Clyde	14	3	4	7	16	29	10
Aberdeen	13	3	3	6	11	22	9
Albion R.	11	2	2	7	15	23	6

Scottish League Div. "B"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Pts.
Dunfermline	14	10	3	1	38	15	23
Raith Rovers	12	10	0	4	40	13	20
Airdrie	13	9	2	2	42	17	20
St. Johnstone	14	10	0	4	43	20	20
Stirling A.	14	10	0	4	35	23	20
Arbroath	14	6	5	3	34	23	17
Alloa	13	6	2	5	23	23	14
Ayr	14	6	2	6	29	25	14
Kilmarnock	14	6	1	7	24	23	13
Dumbarton	14	5	3	6	20	27	13
Queen's Park	14	5	1	8	30	31	11
Stenhousemuir	14	4	2	8	20	27	10
Dundee Un.	14	4	2	8	30	37	10
East Stirling	14	4	1	9	18	35	9
Cowdenbeath	14	3	1	10	14	34	7
Hamilton	12	1	1	10	16	36	3

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